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ENFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION  
**TUESDAY, April 11, 2023, 7:00 PM**  
REGULAR MEETING in the Enfield Room  
820 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT 06082

**1. Call to Order**

Chair LaPlante called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM.

**2. Roll Call**

Members Present:

Chair Karen LaPlante, Commissioners, Kathleen Vose, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, William Cote, Nancy Wyzga, Timothy McGuire, and Michael Dynia.

Members Absent:

Phil Kober

Also Present:

Ms. Driver- Assistant Planner

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

a) March 14, 2023

Commissioner Wyzga made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dynia, to approve the minutes from March 14, 2023.

**A vote by a show of hands 7-0-0 passed unanimously.**

**4. Public Participation:** None

**5. Correspondence:** Commissioner Dynia made mention of an article in the Journal Inquirer about a dairy farm that they are preserving.

**6. Reports of Officers, Committees, and Staff:** Chair LaPlante mentioned that she was watching the Town Council meetings and POCD meetings. She asked the Commissioners to talk about Elm and Shaker the open space parcel to become farmed. The discussion among the Commissions was applying for a grant through the Department of Agriculture to turn this open space into farmland. Chair LaPlante read about the 5 questions of focus. The application for the grant is due May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Driver stated that there is a virtual informational meeting on the grant and recommends that the Commissioners attend to find out more and ask questions. The virtual meeting is on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

The Commissioners agreed to attend the virtual meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> and schedule a special meeting if necessary to discuss the next steps.

Ms. Driver stated that staff recommend the Commission generate 2 letters to the Town Manager. The first letter to continue the farmers market and the second to request \$15,000 be added to the budget for the Consultant for the Agricultural Summit Day.

Chair LaPlante stated that the POCD did approve the changes and they received the list of changes from Georgie.

**7. Unfinished Business:** None

**8. Old Business:**

Farmers Market- Chair LaPlante stated that the Town Manager asked for a list of farmers, which she created and sent it to the Town Manager today. Chair LaPlante also sent the Department of Agriculture grants.

**9. New Business:** Commissioner Cote made a motion to write a letter to the Town Manager to promote the farmers' market and to request \$15,000 in funding for the Agricultural Summit Day, seconded by Commissioner Wyzga.

**A vote by a show of hands 7-0-0 passed unanimously.**

**10. Next Meeting Date:** May 9, 2023

**11. Adjournment:**

Commissioner Cote made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Dynia.

**A vote by show of hands 7-0-0 passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM

Prepared by: Recording Secretary, Sandie Barone