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ENFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, April 9, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Enfield Agricultural Commission was called to order by Chair Karen LaPlante in the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 @ 7:06 PM

ROLL CALL

Kathy Vose took the roll.

Present - Chair LaPlante, Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall, Commissioner Cote, Commissioner Vose, Commissioner McGuire, Commissioner Wyzga and Commissioner Sacerdote.

Also present: Karen Timpone – Recording secretary

Absent – Commissioner Kneiss, Commissioner Doyle and Commissioner Dynia.

Chair LaPlante introduced the new the new Commissioner - Lynn Sacerdote.

Commissioner Sacerdote talked about her schooling. She went to UMASS for agriculture and now works at Easy Pickin's.

Chair LaPlante empowered Commissioner Sacerdote as a voting member for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes - A motion to accept minutes of March 12, 2019 was made by Commissioner Wyzga, seconded by Commissioner McGuire – No discussion – 5/0/2 – Abstentions by Commissioner Cote and Commissioner Sacerdote.

Public Participation – None.

Multi Town Summit – Chair LaPlante reported there was wrap-up meeting. Commissioner McGuire reported that everyone considered it a success. There was good feedback. The group that has been meeting decided to have it again next year and possibly make it a yearly event. Chair LaPlante stated it was hard to do it without any money and there will be no money next year. Laurie Whitten said they will look into grants to help fund this. They felt that holding it at Asnuntuck worked really well and would like to do have it there again. There were approximately 50 attendees and about 25 presenters and vendors. There will be another meeting in May. The date chosen for next year is February 29, 2020 with a snow date of March 7, 2020. There may be a theme next year and possibly less sessions but more time for each session.

Unfinished Business

Farms and Farmland Preservation – No update. Commissioner McGuire stated the DOAG will be hiring a new property agent for the Farmland Preservation program. He suggested the EAC contact Cam Weinmar who is in charge to see if he can take a look at the one that is in the works for Enfield.

Correspondence / All Commissioners & Staff – Chair LaPlante got an e-mail from Justin May from Gaffney Bennet Public Relations regarding the Nutmeg Solar Farm going back into agriculture. She was told he reached out to the proper people and they will address this question for the EAC. Commissioner Cote stated that they are making strides regarding recycling the panels which is a big factor when the solar farms reach the end of their lifetime.

Next Meeting Date - Tuesday May 14, 2019

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wyzga and seconded by Commissioner Cote – No discussion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:31 PM