

ENFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday January 12, 2021

A Regular Virtual Meeting of the Enfield Agricultural Commission was called to order by Chair Karen LaPlante on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 @ 7:03 PM

ROLL CALL

Kathy Vose took the roll.

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

Also present: Lauren Whitten Director Development Services and Karen Timpone – Recording secretary

Absent – Commissioner McGuire and Commissioner Kober

Approval of Minutes - A motion to accept minutes of December 8, 2020 was made by Commissioner Sacerdote and seconded by Commissioner Wyzga – No discussion - 7/0/0

Public Participation – None

Unfinished Business -

POCD Update - Laurie Whitten stated the meetings will begin in January. She has encouraged all EAC members to come up with what they would like to see in the new POCD. Some issues were more open space, farmland preservation, River access expansion. Commissioner Sacerdote and Chair LaPlante will attend the meetings for the EAC.

Farms and Farmland Preservation –

Chair LaPlante went through the list of farmland which have the potential to be preserved whether it is through The State Program or the Enfield Community Farmland Preservation Program (less than 25 acres.) Since 1999 there were parcels added to 7 parcels of farmland added Raffia Farm on Town Farm , John Shaltz (North Street and Taylor), (2) Jarmoc on (Charnley and Fletcher, Charnley and Still) Polek (North Maple) Lyman (Laughlin Road) Christian (Fletcher Road) Collins Farm Parcels, Jansen Farm (Town Farm Road and Broad Brook) Piney Farm (Baily Road), Valley Farms (Fletcher.). The EAC will look by acres and separate anything over 25 to 30 acres. The data is from 2017. Laurie will take a look at it and possibly have someone from staff get a list together for EAC. She will keep it in a spread sheet. Commissioner Cote shared his spread sheet from the original list – which properties with less than 30 acres.

Commissioner Vose asked how much money we have in the Community Farmland Preservation account and how much going forward should EAC ask for in the upcoming budget. Laurie does not have the numbers. The budget meetings will be in February and EAC needs to come up with an amount. Chair LaPlante asked that it be in a separate account. Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall asked what number the EAC wants to ask for and a discussion ensued. A motion to ask for \$50,000 to be put in the Community Farmland Preservation Fund was made by Commissioner Vose, seconded by Commissioner Cote. This is for fiscal year 2021/2022. No discussion – 7/0/0 passed unanimously. Laurie will relay this in the budget meeting. Commissioner Cote suggested that the POCD reps (Commissioner Sacerdote and Chair

LaPlante) ask for this to be put into the POCD with a minimal amount per year as part of the plan for the future.

Correspondence / All Commissioners & Staff – None

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Dynia, seconded by Commissioner Cote -passed unanimously -

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:45 PM