

**MINUTES**  
ENFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION  
**TUESDAY, September 12, 2023, 7:00 PM**  
Special MEETING in the Thompsonville Room  
820 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT 06082

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair LaPlante called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

**2. Roll Call**

Members Present: Chair LaPlante, Commissioners, Kathleen Vose, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, William Cote, and Nancy Wyzga.

Members Absent: Commissioner Michael Dynia

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

a) July 11, 2023

Commissioner Wyzga made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cote, to approve the minutes from July 11, 2023.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Public Communication:** Michael Okonis, however, was invited to the wrong meeting. Mr. Okonis should be present for the Conservation meeting.

**5. Correspondence-Chairperson & Members:** Chair LaPlante gave a recap from the CT Farm Bureau. She discussed the legislation that got passed in the latest session. Chair LaPlante shared a handout pamphlet from the CT Farm Bureau in which she read out loud that included some important information. She also shared a handout from Ellington Farmland Preservation.

There will no longer be a staff person on the commissions as they are very short staff in the office. The commissioners will still have agendas and minutes generated.

The Town Manager sent Chair LaPlante a news release that Governor Lamont announced that CT River receives Federal and Agricultural disaster declaration due to recent heavy rains and flooding.

Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall stated that she called the Freedom of Information Office for clarification on special meetings and dialog between the commissioners during meetings and the public. The Commissioners discussed both topics of special meetings and public participation.

The Commissioners discussed the open positions on the Commission and the need for a farmer to serve on the Commission.

**6. Approval of invoice or other financial matters**

a) CT Farm Bureau membership- Chair LaPlante handed out an email from Joan Nichols the Executive Director, of CT Farm Bureau Association with a chart of the different membership types and dues.

Commissioner Cote made a motion to send a request to Town Manager Ellen Zappo-Sassu, Director of Planning Laurie Whitten, Assistant Planner Georgie Driver, Mayor Cressotti, Deputy Mayor Cekala, and Ken Nelson for \$200 to join the Farm Bureau Association as a standard farmer membership, seconded by Commissioner Wyzga.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**7. Reports of Officers, Committees and Staff:** None

**8. Unfinished Business**

a) Update on 490 Farm Assessments- Chair LaPlante went over a report that is on the website, The Independent Review and Evaluation of the Town of Enfield 2021 Re-Evaluation.

**9. New Business:**

a) Farm Friendly Zoning Regulations- Chair LaPlante said she received an email from Director Whitten that they are getting into the re-writing for the regulations.

**10. Election of Officers:**

Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall made a motion to elect Karen LaPlante to Chair, Nancy Wyzga to Vice Chair and Kathleen Vose to Secretary, seconded by Commissioner Cote.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**11. Review of By-Laws:** tabled until next meeting

**12. Next Meeting Date:** October 10, 2023

**13. Adjournment:** Commissioner Cote made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Vose.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56PM

Prepared by: Recording Secretary, Sandie Barone