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**ENFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
Tuesday, September 13, 2022

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, September 13, 2022 @ 7:16 PM

**ROLL CALL**

Kathy Vose took the roll.

Present – Chair LaPlante, Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall, Commissioner Vose, Commissioner McGuire, Commissioner Wyzga, and Commissioner Kober

Also present: Karen Timpone – Recording secretary

Absent – Commissioner Cote, Commissioner Dynia, and Commissioner Sacerdote

**Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Commissioner Kober to table item 3A, seconded by Commissioner McGuire. There were no copies of the June minutes at the meeting - No discussion – 6/0/0. A motion was made by Commissioner Kober to table the July 12, 2022 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Vose – No discussion - There were no copies of the minutes - 6/0/0

**Public Participation** – None

**Correspondence** - Commissioner Vose reported that on September 7, 2022 Manchester approved a 27 acre land purchase that connects with several other open space land in the town. It goes to Kinney Street (Glastonbury line). This is actually ECC.

**Reports from Officers, Committees, and Staff** – Commissioner McGuire reported that it was dry year for the farmers and now real wet, although, tobacco was actually a lot better than last year. Forage crops for dairy farm production will be way down. Corn around here was not as good a year as it usually is. Further east of Connecticut they were in severe drought and will be way short on feed. Vegetables did better this year. Pumpkins did okay. The Farm Bureau is putting on a webinar regarding the PA 490 program, which is Wednesday, September 28, 2022 @ 6PM. He encouraged someone from the town to attend. Most of the 490 assessments have been rectified for the farmers/land owners who filed an appeal. The vehicles however have not been finished as of yet.

**Unfinished Business** - Chair LaPlante reported that they are still waiting for mapping and farms that EAC can preserve and money in the budget to do it with. Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall stated that the EAC did not get any money in the last budget regarding The Farm Preservation Program. Chair LaPlante stated the reason being no one asked for the money. Chair LaPlante would like to send a letter. Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall asked when should we request funds for the next budget, is it too early now. Chair LaPlante will put a letter together asking about the budget process to be sent to the Town Manager/Town Council. She will bring it the next EAC meeting for approval. The primary goal of the EAC to get farmland protected in The Farmland Preservation Program. Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall thinks it should be a line item every year perhaps \$25,000 a year. Commissioner McGuire thinks the timing is right to put a request in for the budget after the 490 assessment problems that happened this past year.

Next Meeting Date – October 11, 2022

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Kober, seconded by Commissioner Wyzga - passed unanimously 6/0/0

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:40 PM