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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

*Sheila M Bailey*

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 Wednesday November 9, 2022 @ 7:11 PM

### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall took the roll.

Present – Chair LaPlante, Commissioner Cote, Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall, Commissioner Dynia, Commissioner Wyzga, and Commissioner McGuire

Also present: Georgie Driver - Staff and Karen Timpone – Recording secretary

Absent – Commissioner Vose, Commissioner Sacerdote, and Commissioner Kober

**Approval of Minutes** - A motion to accept minutes of Tuesday October 11, 2022 was made by Commissioner Dynia, seconded by Commissioner Cote – No discussion – 5/0/1 abstention by Commissioner McGuire

**Public Participation** – None

**Correspondence** - Commissioner Dynia read in the JI today along with the results of the election that–Cindy Mangini, who is on the Town Council, mentioned that she would like to look more into farmer’s issues. They would like to invite her to an EAC meeting. Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall stated that it was also an agenda item Matt Despard was running on was helping farmers and agriculture in a lot of his mailers. Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall asked if there was a liaison from the Town Council for EAC? Georgie said there should be but since seats have changed she is not sure who it is. The EAC will send Cindy Mangini and Matt Despard an invitation to attend an EAC meeting.

Commissioner Dynia also said there was an article in the paper regarding a Hemp farmer. The Hemp prices are way down. He can switch over to marijuana very easily but the producers need \$3,000,000 for the application or do a small batch for \$250 but that one is a lottery. It is based on different batches i.e., like craft beer. Commissioner McGuire said Hemp is very heavily regulated by the state. If it is sampled and above the threshold for THC the farmer has to destroy his crop or blend it somehow.

Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall stated that Glastonbury is buying part of Rose’s Berry farm, the remainder is closing up.

**Reports of Officers, Committees, and Staff** - Chair LaPlante created a list of all the farmland preservation in town. She would like to get it into the POCD. The first one done was Harriet and Leland Pinney in 1983. Their property was in Enfield, Somers, and Ellington. She does have the maps. Also if the farm was sold to someone else, she has the new owner. Her best guess is that there are just under 1337 acres in farmland preservation. She asked Commissioner McGuire if he knows of any other farm not on this list as they may not have been coded correctly. He suggested they check with Cameron Weimar at the state level. The EAC would like to get a list of all farm acres in Enfield. She asked Georgie for a new updated assessor database. Georgie will look into it. Georgie stated that P&Z is having a meeting regarding the POCD. They would like EAC and ECC to come to talk about the farmland preservation program and the open space list. She is inviting the commissioners on behalf of the chair. The next

meeting is December 15, 2022. They will be setting a date for the POCD public hearing at that December 15, 2022 P&Z meeting. The latest version of the POCD is on the website. The EAC is looking for a list of open space. Georgie will look into it.

**New Business** - None

Next Meeting Date - Tuesday December 13, 2022

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Dynia, seconded by Commissioner Cote, passed unanimously 6/0/0

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:37 PM