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ENFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, April 10, 2018

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 10, 2018 @ 8:06 PM.

ROLL CALL

Kathy Vose took the roll.

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

Also present: Michael Ciriello Director of Economic Development and Karen Timpone – Recording secretary.

Absent – Commissioner Cote, Commissioner Dynia, Commissioner Doyle, and Commissioner Kneiss,

Approval of Minutes - A motion to accept minutes of February 13, 2018 was made by Commissioner Vose, seconded by Commissioner Wyzga – No discussion – Passed unanimously – Abstention by Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall – 4/0/1

Public Participation – None.

Development Services Director/Staff Report and Discussion -

Multi-Town round table discussion/summit - Michael Ciriello stated that the program will be delayed until next year which will give them a full year to work out the program. The program has been established (what it will cover) the question is, what is the audience, ie. general population, farmers, experts or a combination of all of the above to look at the three topics that are identified – The three areas are infrastructure, public knowledge or appreciation of the local agricultural economy, regional marketing, and looking at new technology and new products for farmers. There are regular meetings going on, Chris Casey is helping to round that out. Chair LaPlante and Commissioner McGuire are also involved on a regular basis. Private farmers have expressed interest in joining and participating in the planning part of it. Chair LaPlante stated that there are two people from Somers and one from East Windsor who have joined the group. The East Windsor Commissions would like to get involved with hooking up farmers to restaurants. Commissioner McGuire stated that he reached out to Jaime Lizee Smith from the DOAG and she is willing to do what she can to help. Commissioner McGuire will contact her with the next meeting date to see if she can attend.

Chair LaPlante reported on an article about The Ideal Fish which is a fish farming operation in Waterbury.

Michael Ciriello stated that Habitat for Humanity is looking for property to build and/or fix up and they are also looking for a restore.

Farmland Preservation Revenue Account - Chair LaPlante stated that there should be a pamphlet for the fund to be given to the funeral homes explaining what the donations are used for. Michael Ciriello said he will have Kristi work on it and will also do a press release.

Unfinished Business –

Community Farmland Preservation Program – Commissioner McGuire stated that last time he spoke to the Director Cam Weimar – He was going to look into the one farm that is in the program as of now. He suggested that a letter be sent to ask what the status is. Michael Ciriello stated a letter will be sent him to see asking the status.

Correspondence / All Commissioners – None.

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday May 8, 2018

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wyzga, seconded by Commissioner Vose – passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM