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ENFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY May 8, 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, May 8, 2018 @ 8:32 PM

ROLL CALL

Kathy Vose took the roll.

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

Also present - Karen Timpone – Recording secretary

Absent – Commissioner McGuire, Commissioner Doyle, Commissioner Kneiss, Commissioner Wyzga. and Michael Ciriello Director of Economic Development.

Approval of Minutes - A motion to accept minutes of April 10, 2018 was made by Commissioner Dynia seconded by Commissioner Vose – No discussion - Abstentions by Commissioner Dynia and Commissioner Cote – 3/0/2.

Public Participation – None.

Development Services Director/Staff Report and Discussion - Michael Ciriello was not present but Chair LaPlante discussed the meeting that was held for the Agricultural Summit. The date for the Summit is March 2, 2019. The theme is “How can you make your farm viable in the future.” The purpose is to raise awareness of agriculture in the region. Joan Nichols attended the meeting. They need to give it a name – possibly The Connecticut River Valley Agricultural Summit. This will be discussed further before a decision is made. Potential Topics and sponsors discussed were – Finance/Insurance, Farm Credit, Nationwide Insurance, Family and Estate Planning, produce safety, marketing, how to promote tobacco, fruit and vegetables, social media. branding, how to start a CSA and what are local grocery stores and restaurants looking for, technology ie, using charge cards, swipes, etc. Approximately five topics/repeat three times. A mock 4 hour timeline was setup – possible breakfast/coffee and danish from 9 – 9:45 – break into groups for workshops approximately 45 minutes each until lunch time - break for lunch have a keynote speaker and questions and answers. They will be looking for sponsors for breakfast, lunch, etc, hopefully locals will step up to offer. Jaime Smith will be helping out also. There needs to be a concrete take away for attendees. The next meeting is June 19th at 4 PM in the Enfield Room.

Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall reported she was invited to The First Community Connections Gathering on Thursday, May 17, 2018 which is being hosted by Shop Rite (The Miller Family) – Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall and Commissioner Vose were invited and will attend.

Michael is having Kristy work on the pamphlet for the donations to the Farmland Preservation Program.

Farms and Farmland Preservation – No update.

Correspondence / All Commissioners & Staff – None.

Next Meeting Date - Tuesday - June 12, 2018

Adjournment – A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Cote and seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall – No discussion

Meeting Adjourned at 8:57 PM