



**MINUTES
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
October 14, 2025
7:00 PM - TOWN HALL-ENFIELD ROOM
820 Enfield St, Enfield, CT**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair LaPlante called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: William Cote, Michael Dynia, Karen LaPlante, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Kathleen Vose, Nancy Wyzga

Absent: None

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Also present was Assistant Town Planner; Stephen Hiney, Recording Secretary; Rebecca Jones; and Megan Kelley; guest of the commission.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 8, 2025

MOTION by: William Paul Cote **seconded:** Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall to approve the July 8, 2025 meeting minutes.

UPON A SHOW OF HANDS VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: William Cote, Karen LaPlante, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Kathleen Vose No: None Abstain: Michael Dynia, Nancy Wyzga.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Megan Kelley reported that she attended the last Town Council meeting and there was discussion related to invasive knotweed around town.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/STAFF REPORT

Chair LaPlante shared a variety of news articles, with topics ranging from legislative updates to documentaries and compost tea workshops. She also discussed 'Make America Healthy Again' initiatives related to PFAS.

7. APPROVAL OF INVOICES/OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. CT Farm Bureau Annual Dues Renewal

MOTION by: William Paul Cote **seconded:** Michael Dynia to approve approve the CT Farm Bureau annual dues renewal.

UPON A SHOW OF HANDS VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: William Cote, Michael Dynia, Karen LaPlante, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Kathleen Vose, Nancy Wyzga No: None Abstain: None.

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND STAFF

None.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Farm Friendly Zoning Regulations

Mr. Hiney met with Ms. Whitten, who will be working with an outside consultant to assist in drafting these regulations. Commissioners thanked Mr. Hiney for his work thus far on the farm-friendly zoning regulations. Commissioner Cote noted that there has been no discussion about these regulations at the PZC meetings.

B. List of Priority Parcels for Community Farmland Preservation

Chair LaPlante discussed the state and local scoring rubric. They will not be able to come up with the list of the priority parcels until they receive a list of all properties in Enfield that have 490 farmland. Commissioner Wyzga asked clarifying questions related to the scoring rubric. Chair LaPlante explained that the last time this has happened was in 2016. Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall asked Mr. Hiney about GIS updates. Mr. Hiney said there was a meeting but is unsure about next steps.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

MOTION by: William Paul Cote **seconded:** Michael Dynia to elect Karen LaPlante as Chair; Nancy Wyzga as Vice-Chair; and Kathleen Vose as Secretary.

UPON A SHOW OF HANDS VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: William Paul Cote, Michael Dynia, KAREN LAPLANTE, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Kathleen Vose, Nancy Wyzga No: None Abstain: None.

B. Proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule

MOTION by: William Cote **seconded:** Nancy Wyzga to adopt the 2026 Meeting Schedule as proposed.

UPON A SHOW OF HANDS VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: William Cote, Michael Dynia, Karen LaPlante, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Kathleen Vose, Nancy Wyzga No: None Abstain: None.

C. Review of By Laws

'Section' is spelled incorrectly on Page 2. Chair LaPlante requested clarification related to the commissioner appointments.

MOTION by: William Cote **seconded:** Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall to approve the bylaws as amended.

UPON A SHOW OF HANDS VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: William Paul Cote, Michael Dynia, KAREN LAPLANTE, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Kathleen Vose, Nancy Wyzga No: None Abstain: None.

11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

A. November 12, 2025

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Nancy Wyzga, seconded: William Paul Cote to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Vose
Secretary

Rebecca Jones
Recording Secretary