



**MINUTES
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
April 14, 2026
7:00 PM - Town Hall-ENFIELD ROOM
820 Enfield St, Enfield, CT**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair LaPlante called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Karen LaPlante, William Cote, Michael Dynia (arrived at 7:06pm), Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Dean Syed, Nancy Wyzga, Megan Kelley

Absent: Kathleen Vose, Jeremy Dugas

Also Present: Rebecca Jones, Recording Secretary

Chair LaPlante seated Commissioner Kelley as a voting member.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 10, 2026

MOTION by: William Paul Cote **seconded:** Nancy Wyzga to approve the March 10, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

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

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/STAFF REPORT

Chair LaPlante stated that she received materials at the Scantic Spring Splash regarding new NRCS programs held through the USDA. There is a program called the Agricultural Easement Program, which helps state and local governments to protect croplands on working farms by limiting non-agricultural uses of the land through conservation easements. The Commissioners discussed presenting this information to Town Council members, particularly Councilor Matthews. Commissioner Kelley attended the Connecticut Land Conservation Conference. She shared information regarding conservation options for land trusts for municipalities. She received other information which provides information for farmers and a planning guide. She also attended a workshop on community-based land

trusts. Connecticut currently has three community-based land trusts that are membership-based programs. The Commissioners discussed the barn and associated land behind Walgreens on Shaker Road.

7. APPROVAL OF INVOICES/OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

None.

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND STAFF

None.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Farm Friendly Zoning Regulations

None.

B. List of Priority Parcels for Community Farmland Preservation

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

A. May 12, 2026

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: William Paul Cote, seconded: Dean Syed to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Vose

Secretary

Rebecca Jones

Recording Secretary