

ENFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday April 13, 2021

A Regular Virtual Meeting of the Enfield Agricultural Commission was called to order by Chair Karen LaPlante on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 @ 7:10 PM

ROLL CALL

Chair LaPlante took the roll.

Present - Chair LaPlante, Commissioner Cote (7:22pm), Commissioner Wyzga, Commissioner Sacerdote, Commissioner Kober, and Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall

Also present: Laurie Whitten – Director Development Services, Georgie Driver - Assistant Town Planner and Karen Timpone – Recording secretary

Absent – Commissioner McGuire, Commissioner Dynia, and Commissioner Vose

Georgie Drive is the new Assistant Town Planner. She will be the liaison for EAC and ECC. She worked for the City of Salem Massachusetts for a year and a half. She enjoys doing environmental so Agg and Conservation are some of the things she likes to work on. She has a Master's Degree in GIS.

Chair LaPlante empowered Commissioner Kober as a voting member for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes - A motion to accept minutes of March 9, 2021 was made by Commissioner Kober, seconded by Commissioner Wyzga – No discussion – 4/0/1 - abstention by Commissioner Sacerdote.

Public Participation – None

POCD Update – Chair LaPlante reported they had the first Steering Committee Meeting - meetings will be the third Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is in April. Documents are being posted on the Town website. Survey results should be on the website. Laurie will get them up there. Members of the meeting received questionnaires to fill out. Some questions were the top three most important challenges and the top three opportunities that the town has. Laurie Whitten stated on Wednesday April 28, 2021 the week after the next Steering Committee meeting there will be a public participation meeting. Notices will be sent out via newspaper, Facebook, Twitter, etc, and all Commissions will be invited.

Unfinished Business -

Community Farmland Preservation Program – Chair LaPlante spoke to Commissioner McGuire and they would like to move forward with the farm that is currently in the program. They have to find out how much it will cost the Town to preserve this farm (approximately 25 acres.) Commissioner Wyzga said she just spoke to him regarding the bluebirds and he invited her to The Mullen farm to see the bluebird houses that he has. Commissioner Wyzga did get the grant for \$500.00 for the bluebird boxes. Laurie asked what has been done for the preservation of this farm so far. Chair LaPlante explained that the EAC was working on the criteria for rating the farms based on soil types, location, etc. Commissioner Cote stated that not all farms have to be rate only the ones that are interested in going into the program. Chair LaPlante will send the criteria, the list of farms, and scoring that the EAC worked on to Laurie. Laurie stated that she and Georgie will go through the information.

Correspondence / All Commissioners & Staff – Commissioner Sacerdote reported that on the Target Store App, they have a membership program called Target Circle with the money that you save you also earn votes to go to local charities and one of this month's charities is the Northern Connecticut Farmland Preservation Trust.

Next Meeting Date - Tuesday May 11, 2021

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

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:40 PM