

MINUTES
ENFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
TUESDAY, July 11, 2023, 6:00 PM
Special MEETING in the Scitico Room
820 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT 06082

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Cote called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Commissioners, Kathleen Vose, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, William Cote, and Nancy Wyzga.

Also Present: Ms. Driver- Assistant Planner and Sandie Barone, Recording Secretary

3. Approval of Minutes:

a) May 9, 2023

Commissioner Cote made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wyzga, to approve the minutes from May 9, 2023.

Motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0 vote.

4. Public Communication: None

5. Correspondence: None

6. Reports of Officers, Committees, and Staff: None

7. Unfinished Business: None

8. Old Business:

a) Farmers Market- no new updates

9. New Business: Commissioner Cote stated he would like to discuss for the record that absent from the meeting are Commissioners, LaPlante, Dynia, McGuire as their terms have expired. Commissioners Dynia and LaPlante have submitted their applications for re-appointment. He stated that he did not understand why they were not allowed to attend the meeting. He further stated that there are other commissions that have commissioners that are expired and are still allowed to attend meetings, in particular Inland Wetlands. He stated that on the website the Chairperson has expired and is still allowed to attend meetings.

Ms. Driver indicated that the Chair expired on June 30, 2023. Per case law members are not allowed to participate in meetings if their term has expired.

Commissioner Cote stated that he does not care if the website is updated or not, for public knowledge she expired in 2022, along with 3 other commissioners on that board. If it is not updated that is the fault of the town of Enfield.

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Sharon M. Bailey

Ms. Driver indicated that we cannot add items to Special Meeting agendas. The Town Manager forwarded to Karen legal opinions on attending meetings if your term has expired. Under case law a member cannot attend a meeting until they are re-appointed as they are considered resigned.

Commissioner Cote said it is prudent for the town of Enfield to update the terms of commissioners.

Ms. Driver mentioned she is not sure what page Commissioner Cote was referring to on the website, but the listing is up to date. However, she will double check with the Town Clerk.

Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall stated that the members that expired should not be recorded as absent on the minutes. She stated that Donna Dubanoski who is on the Board of Assessment Appeals has expired and is still attending meetings.

Ms. Driver stated that the Town Manager will not consider reappointing people until she brings it up with leadership first.

10. Next Meeting Date: September 12, 2023

11. Adjournment:

Commissioner Cote made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wyzga

A vote by show of hands 4-0-0 passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM

Prepared by: Recording Secretary, Sandie Barone