



**MINUTES
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
September 10, 2024
7:00 PM - ENFIELD ROOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair LaPlante called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Also present was Rebecca Jones, Recording Secretary.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 9, 2024

MOTION by: William Cote **seconded:** Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall to approve the July 9, 2024 meeting minutes.

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

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/STAFF REPORT

None.

7. APPROVAL OF INVOICES/OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

None.

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND STAFF

None.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Farm Friendly Zoning Regulations

Chair LaPlante has not had a chance to review the zoning regulations further. The commissioners agreed to review this next month.

B. Update on Tax Abatement Ordinances

Chair LaPlante shared correspondence from Councilor Hendrickson stating that the Town Council should be setting a public hearing date at their September 16, 2024 meeting for the 50% tax abatement.

C. Solar Farm - 141 Town Farm Road - Siting council Hearing Update

Chair LaPlante was unable to virtually attend the final hearing, which was that same day. She gave a brief overview of what she had heard about the hearing. She shared an article about pollinator habitats popping up in solar farms.

D. List of priority parcels for Community Farmland Preservation

A list has been generated by the Assessor's Office but it has not been updated by Chair LaPlante with the 490 information. The commissioners will discuss this next month. Commissioner Cote asked if the list could go on the Agriculture Commission's website. Chair LaPlante stated it is not a public list. The commissioners discussed next best steps as they must actually do something once the list is generated.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

A. October 8, 2024

Chair LaPlante asked the commissioners to review the zoning regulations before the next meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: William Paul Cote, seconded: Michael Dynia to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Vose

Secretary

Rebecca Jones

Recording Secretary