



**MINUTES
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
July 8, 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 7:04pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: William Cote, Karen LaPlante, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Kathleen Vose

Absent: Michael Dynia, Nancy Wyzga

Also present was Stephen Hiney; Assistant Town Planner, Christian D'Antonio; PZC liaison, and Rebecca Jones; Recording Secretary.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 10, 2025

MOTION by: William Paul Cote **seconded:** Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall to approve the June 10, 2025 meeting minutes.

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

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/STAFF REPORT

Chair LaPlante shared that she was invited to the Hartford County Farm Bureau annual policy review barbeque on July 18, 2025. News articles were shared related to a variety of topics, including closing dairy farms, bee populations in Connecticut and the Connecticut farm bill. Mr. Hiney shared the site plan for the proposed horse farm at 20 Oliver 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

The commissioners continued their review of farm-friendly zoning regulations. The commissioners discussed vegetated buffers and silt fences to prevent flooding on residential properties. Mr. Hiney presented a newly drafted section on agri-tourism. These activities include weddings, farm tours and other similar events. A special permit would be required, and the commissioners discussed administrative approval. Regulations surrounding recreational vehicle storage and outside storage were discussed. Chair LaPlante requested an update on the Cease and Desist order received by Jarmoc Farm, which prompted legal proceedings. Fencing regulations were reviewed. The commissioners discussed chicken keeping. Special permits are not required as of now. Commissioner D'Antonio proposed allowing chickens on lots under a quarter acre if a special use permit is granted.

B. List of Priority Parcels for Community Farmland Preservation

This will be discussed at the September meeting.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

A. September 9, 2025

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, 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 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Vose

Secretary

Rebecca Jones

Recording Secretary