



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Bruce Garstka

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

6:00 PM

Town Hall Annex-Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Garstka called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Farming Community Allyson Angelini
Community-at-Large Representative Katie Yuhas
Alternate Member Steve Martic
Farming Community Bruce Garstka
Farming Community Michael E. Marelli
Excused Farming Community Russell Holmberg
Farming Community William Thorne

Mr. Martic was appointed as a voting member.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

No comments.

IV. COMMENTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

1. Comments of Commission Members.
None.

V. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items.

In the newspaper there was an article on a Veterans organization in Groton; Veteran Equine Therapeutic Services which will be relocating to Leaning Birch Farm on Pumpkin Hill Road. Their mission is to help military members and their families adjust to civilian life. They are also expanding their program at Heritage Hill Farm in Ledyard. Chairman Garstka said he believes that it's a good step for Ledyard and any other interested farms can reach out to him for additional information.

Chairman Garstka introduced himself to Liz Burdick, Planning Director and invited her to attend the Commission's Joint meeting in October.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from June 18, 2024, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Bruce Garstka

SECONDER: Katie Yuhas

AYE 5 Angelini Yuhas Martic Garstka Marelli

EXCUSED 2 Holmberg Thorne

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

Chairman Garstka received a list of three attorneys from Joan Nichols to advise on deed restrictions.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Any other Old Business to come before the Commission.

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Any other New Business to come before the Commission.

Chairman Garstka plans to get in touch with Walter Majcher to see what his plans are for the Clark property, as his current lease expires in the next 1-2 years.

Chairman Garstka made a recommendation to the Commissioners to attend other Town Commissions/Committees/Board meetings. Chairman Garstka and Mr. Marelli visited the Farmers' Market's informational booth and introduced themselves to Town Council.

Chairman Garstka requested that the Joint meeting invitation be sent to any interested Town Commissions/Committees/Board member.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 6:14 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Bruce Garstka

SECONDER: Steve Martic

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