



Chairman
Bruce Gartska

TOWN OF LEDYARD

Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes - Draft Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

6:00 PM

Town Hall Annex-Hybrid Format

I CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Garstka called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, Town Hall Annex Building.

Chairman Garstka welcomed all to the Hybrid Meeting. He stated for the members of the Public who were participating via video conference that remote meeting information was available on the Agenda that was posted on the Town's Website.

II ROLL CALL

Present

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

Excused

Alternate Member- Community-at-Large William Thorne

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

No informational items

V. MEMBER COMMENTS

No member comments.

VI. REPORTS

No reports

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting minutes from June

No comments or questions.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Bruce Garstka

SECONDER: Katie Yuhas

AYE: 6 Marelli, Angelini, Garstka, Yuhas, Martic, and Holmberg

EXCUSED: 1 Thorne

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Continued meeting with and discussing issues which matter to farmers. Chairman Garstka stated that farmers, especially stable owners, favored the concept of being able to have ADUs. One owner who would not take advantage of having an ADU herself, supported the idea of being able to have one if need be.

Motion to join the CT Farm Bureau and AUTHORIZE payment of \$200.00 per year for membership to access advocacy support.

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2. Any Other Old Business

Planning and Zoning is reviewing the zoning regulations. Discussion of ADUs was had at the meeting last week. Chairman Garstka said that this would benefit farmers. Discussion will be had on section 8.5 at the next meeting on July 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Chairman Garstka encouraged members to read through the regulation and submit comment.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

2. Any other New Business

The letter from last meeting was forwarded to applicable committees and was well accepted. Councilor Dumbrowski gave permission to set up a meeting. Chairman Garstka thought inviting two members from each committee to one of our fall meetings (September 20 or October 18). The Farm Bureau meeting is at Holmberg Orchards on September 20. Chairman Garstka will request October 18, 2022 in the Town Hall Annex.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gartska Moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr.Holmberg

VOTE: 6-0 Approved and so declared.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Garstka
Chairman
Agricultural Commission

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