



# **TOWN OF LEDYARD**

## **Agricultural Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes - Draft Minutes**

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman  
Bruce Gartska

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**Tuesday, August 16, 2022**

**6:00 PM**

**Town Hall Annex-Hybrid Format**

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- I 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.**

**II ROLL CALL**

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

In addition, the following were present:  
Counselor Rodriguez

**III. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None.

**IV. COMMENTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS**

None.

**V. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None.

**VI. MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

**VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting minutes from July 19, 2022

Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting minutes from July 19, 2022 with addition of Councilor Rodriguez to the attendance list.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Bruce Garstka

**SECONDER:** Michael E. Marelli

**AYE** 4 Marelli Garstka Yuhas Holmberg

**EXCUSED** 3 Thorne Angelini Martic

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Continued discussion of topics which farmers showed interest in.

Chairman Garstka said that the Farmers he spoke with were most interested in Accessory dwelling units (ADU).

2. Any other Old Business

None.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discuss ways and methods the Town could employ and encourage farming

No comments.

2. Any other New Business

A Purchase order is being created to pay a membership fee the CT Farm Bureau in the amount of \$200.00. The Standard Farmer membership is full benefits including full voting privileges, one-on-one consulting advice, complimentary programs and publications.

Chairman Garstka presented the idea of canceling the September meeting and having the Commission go to the CT Farm Bureau meeting instead at Holmberg Orchard (on top of the hill) at 6:30. This would not be an official Town meeting and no voting will take place. Attendance is optional but encouraged. Mr. Holmberg will need a head count. Chairman Garstka will have an email sent to all the Commission members with the cancellation notice.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Garstka moved the meeting to be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Marelli.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

VOTE: 4-0 Approved and so declared

DISCLAIMER: Although we try to be timely and accurate these are not official records of the Town.

Respectively Submitted,

Bruce Garstka Chairman  
Agricultural Commission