

Bruce Gartska

# TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

# Agricultural Commission ~ AGENDA ~

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

6:00 PM

**Town Hall Annex-Hybrid Format** 

#### REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting ID: 846 2909 6031

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- I CALL TO ORDER
- II ROLL CALL
- III. CITIZENS COMMENTS
- IV. COMMENTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS
- V. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
- VI. MEMBER COMMENTS
- VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting minutes from July 19, 2022

**Attachments:** AG minutes 7-19-22

#### VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Continued discussion of topics which farmers showed interest in

Any other Old Business

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

Discuss ways and methods the Town could employ and encourage farming

Any other New Business

#### X. ADJOURNMENT

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**File #:** 22-274 **Agenda Date:** 8/16/2022 **Agenda #:** 

**MINUTES** 

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Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting minutes from July 19, 2022



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# **Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes - Draft Minutes**

Chairman Bruce Gartska

#### **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.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Bruce Garstka
SECONDER: Michael E. Marelli

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

**EXCUSED:** 1 Thorne

**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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File #: 22-278 Agenda Date: 8/16/2022 Agenda #:

### AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

## **Subject:**

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## **Background:**

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## **Department Comment/Recommendation:**



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AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

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**Background:** 

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:** 



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### AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

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### **Department Comment/Recommendation:**



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