



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes

Chairman
Bruce Garstka

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

6:00 PM

Town Hall Annex-Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Garstka at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None present.

IV. COMMENTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

1. Comments of Commission Members.

Mr. Martic attended the Historic District Commission meeting and provided an update.

Mr. Marelli said that Sweet Hill Farm in Gales Ferry has approval to be developed into apartments.

Mr. Marelli said that Liz Burdick has returned to the role of Town Planner. Chairman Garstka said he would schedule an appointment to meet with her. Mr. Marelli has a meeting scheduled with her on Thursday.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

V. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items.

None.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular/Joint Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2024, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Bruce Garstka

SECONDER: Michael E. Marelli

AYE 5 Angelini Martic Garstka Holmberg Marelli

EXCUSED 2 Yuhus Thorne

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

None.

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 met with Joan Nichols of the Connecticut Farm Bureau regarding putting deed restrictions on farm properties, as an option for Farmers in town. He requested a list of attorneys who are familiar with the process.

Mr. Marelli asked about updating the list of current farms in Ledyard. Chairman Garstka said that he would request the list created approximately a decade ago from Justin Dube, MIS Director.

Chairman Garstka suggested that the Commission continues dropping into other Committee meetings and visiting other farms to keep ourselves visible in the community.

The Commission agreed to keep the July meeting as scheduled and cancel it in July if there is no pressing business.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

X. ADJOURNMENT

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