

**Town of Colchester
Agriculture Commission Minutes
November 15, 2021
Meeting via Zoom
Time 6:30 pm**

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Members Present: Donna Rosenblatt, Carla Roselli, Leslie Curtis

Members Absent: Tim Francis

Alternates Present: Dave Wasniewski

Liaison Present: Rosemary Coyle

1. CALL TO ORDER: Donna Rosenblatt, Vice-Chair, 6:31

2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA: None. Due to the meeting time change, this is classified as a Special Meeting and as such, additions/changes to the agenda are not permitted.

3. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: No Citizens present

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the Minutes of the October 18, 2021 Agriculture Commission Meeting. Motion Leslie Curtis. Approve: Carla Roselli, Leslie Curtis, Donna Rosenblatt, Dave Wasniewski

5. DISCUSSION: Suggestions for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) recovery funding.

- A list of Agriculture-based property tax payers will be obtained from the Tax Assessment Office by the Chair for a mailing including current ideas and requesting ideas for ARPA funding requests

6. DISCUSSION: A presentation by Carla Roselli on the CT Grown for CT Kids was given. Section C in the flyer offers funds not requiring matching funds. Carla feels that second Grade could be an appropriate way to start and will contact the Colchester Elementary School Principal, Judy O'Meara to see if this will be possible.

Since applications are required by December 20th, and grant applications must be signed by the First Selectman, time is of the essence. Rosemary Coyle will attempt to get this grant proposal on the First Selectman's Agenda at the December 2nd meeting.

7. DISCUSSION: Leslie Curtis has discovered that Big Y in Marlborough is accepting produce from local farmers, secondary to the national supply shortage. Leslie met with Big Y manager, Ben Wright, who indicated that farmers can contact him directly regarding this.

8. OLD BUSINESS: None of the meetings recently have included farm concerns per all members present.

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9. ADJOURN: Leslie Curtis motioned the meeting adjourned, seconded by Carla Roselli. Meeting adjourned at 7:04.

Respectfully Submitted by: Donna Rosenblatt, Agriculture Commission Chairman
performing volunteer Secretary duties