

**Town of Colchester
Agriculture Commission Minutes
October 24, 2022
Meeting via Zoom
Time 7:30 pm**

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Members Present: Donna Rosenblatt, Carla Roselli, Leslie Curtis

Members Absent: Tim Francis

Alternates Present:

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Liaison Present: Rosemary Coyle

1. CALL TO ORDER: Donna Rosenblatt, Chair, 7:32

2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA: Due to meeting time change from scheduled 6:30pm, additions/changes not allowable.

3. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Several students attended: Michelle Jolly, Eva McCarvill, and Chris

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the Minutes of the September 19, 2022 Agriculture Commission Meeting. Motion Leslie Curtis. Approve: Carla Roselli, Donna Rosenblatt, Leslie Curtis

Approve 2023 meeting calendar. Some discussion as to the time and the nature of the meetings. It was determined that the meetings would be held at 7:30 via Zoom. Motion: Carla Roselli, Second: Leslie Curtis. Approve: Carla Roselli, Donna Rosenblatt, Leslie Curtis.

5. DISCUSSION: Donna Rosenblatt reviewed the advisory nature of the Agriculture Commission and how issues are referred to us.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

a) None of the Town meetings recently have included farm concerns per all members present.

b) Carla Roselli reviewed the actions taken thus far on the CT Grown application process. The application is on the Board of Education meeting for November 8. Once the action is approved, the First Selectman will provide the needed documentation to complete the application. Carla is attempting to contact the Principal of Colchester Elementary, Judy Omeara.

c) Donna Rosenblatt reported that she was able to contact the Interim School Superintendent, Thomas McDowell to request assistance from Bacon Academy's new Principal, Amy Begue to attempt to get IT assistance from the faculty and students at Bacon Academy on the establishment of an Agritourism website.

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Donna also mentioned that she is currently working on a program to use food stuffs past their sell-by date to give to farmers for their livestock. She will be outlining this program at a future meeting.

9. ADJOURN: Leslie Curtis motioned the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

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