

Town of Colchester
Agriculture Commission Minutes
March 20, 2023
Meeting via Zoom
Time 7:30 pm

Members Present: Donna Rosenblatt, Carla Roselli, Leslie Curtis

Members Absent: Tim Francis

Alternates Present: Dave Wasniewski

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Liaison Present: Rosemary Coyle

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1. CALL TO ORDER: Donna Rosenblatt, Chair, 7:34

2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

3. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Eli

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the Minutes of the December 19, 2022, Agriculture Commission Meeting. Motion Leslie Curtis. Second Carla Roselli Approve: Leslie Curtis, Carla Roselli and Donna Rosenblatt. Abstain: Dave Wasniewski.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS: Donna Rosenblatt spoke briefly regarding Colchester's 325th Anniversary on October 13th, 2023.

6. NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Rosenblatt has been attending the Anniversary meetings, but is busy with the Livestock Foodbank and farming work. She encouraged someone else to take on this task. The Agriculture Commission is encouraged to be involved because the theme is "chickens". Leslie Curtis, who has been attending the meetings on behalf of the Land Trust, will monitor for needs of Agriculture Commission input.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

a) Leslie Curtis contributed that Sarah Levine has been appointed to the Open Space Committee. Ms. Levine is a member of the Land Trust and should be able to contribute opinions and support in that aspect.

b) No additional information on the Agritourism Webpage. Donna Rosenblatt will follow up with the First Selectman's Office.

d) Donna Rosenblatt reported on the active Livestock Foodbank program. Support has been ongoing and donations have been regular and plentiful. Ms. Rosenblatt asked all members of the Agriculture Commission to encourage farmers to take advantage. To date, 11 distinct farms have benefitted from the donations through the Livestock Foodbank.

Since this is a unique program, groups from other communities are also participating.

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9. ADJOURN: Leslie Curtis motioned the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:54.

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