Town of Colchester **Agriculture Commission Minutes January 31, 2022** Meeting via Zoom Time 6:30 pm

Members Present: Donna Rosenblatt, Carla Roselli, Leslie Curtis(6:09), Tim Francis (6:11)

Members Absent:

Alternates Present: Dave Wasniewski (6:07)

Liaison Present: Rosemary Coyle

1. CALL TO ORDER: Donna Rosenblatt, Chair, 6:30

2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA: None.

3. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: No Citizens present

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the Minutes of the December 21, 2021 Agriculture Commission Meeting. Motion Leslie Curtis. Approve: Carla Roselli, Leslie Curtis, Donna Rosenblatt, Tim Francis, Dave Wasniewski.

- **5. DISCUSSION:** Suggestions for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) recovery funding.
- Rosemary Coyle reported that the ARPA committee will be involving a consultant to follow the application process, since the CFO and Assistant CFO will be leaving the Town of Colchester. The Board of Selectmen will be addressing this issue at their meeting on February 3rd, 2022.
- -Rosemary will be e-mailing the ARPA Application Toolkit to assist in any ARPA requests.
- 6. NEW BUSINESS: None

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- a) None of the meetings recently have included farm concerns per all members present.
- b) Carla Roselli reported follow-up on the CT Grown application process. Our application was denied. CT Grown will be offering this grant again in the fall of 2022, however, and Carla will re-apply at that time.
- c) Donna Rosenblatt reported that she has contacted Jeffrey Burt, the School Superintendent and got permission to contact Principal Matthew Peel at Bacon Academy. Mr. Peel was interested and will contact related teachers to see if they are interested. Donna Rosenblatt will be addressing the Board of Selectmen on February 3rd, 2022 to obtain permission to implement this webpage project.

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9. ADJOURN: Leslie Curtis motioned the meeting adjourned, seconded by Carla Roselli. Meeting adjourned at 6:59.

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