

Agenda
Tolland Agriculture Commission
Monday, May 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Conference Room B, 2nd Level, 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, Connecticut

1. Call to Order
2. Seat Alternate(s)
3. Public Participation
4. Additions to Agenda
5. New Business
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 - 5.2. Campbell farm
 - 5.3. Restaurant week
 - 5.4. Social Media/Agri Tourism
 - 5.5. Farmers Market
 - 5.6. Food Voucher Program
 - 5.7. Regional Agriculture Meeting
 - 5.8. Farm Viability Grant
6. Other Business – Staff or Commission Members
7. Approve Minutes – March 6, 2023 Regular Meeting
8. List of topics for the next meeting
9. Adjournment

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Tolland, Connecticut

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Members Present: Steven Lundgren, Kevin Molloy, Sheri Sullivan

Others Present: David Corcoran

Jeanne Pitney, Tolland Human Services

Brenda Falusi, Tolland Tourism

1. Call to Order: S. Lundgren called the meeting to order a 7:00pm
2. Seat Alternate: no alternate was seated
3. Public Participation: no public participation
4. Additions to Agenda: no additions
5. Old Business
 - 5.1 Campbell Farm- no new updates. Estimate was received for installation of a well, but at this time there are no grants open to apply for this. Grants will open again in the Fall of 2023.
 - 5.2 Social media/Agri Tourism- Brenda is meeting with the town manager once a month to discuss this. They are looking at ways to promote this. They are looking at ways to brand Tolland tourism, such as "Explore Tolland". Committee members have been contacted by the 4 Town Regional Economic committee to be involved in a regional agriculture committee.
 - 5.3 Farmers Market- Agriculture commission supports a market on the Tolland Green. Commission reviewed a list of Tolland farmers and It was suggested the market be on Sundays. B. Falusi will provide a list of cottage industry bakers in Tolland to see if there is interest in participating in the market.
6. New Business
 - 6.1 Restaurant week- S. Lundgren is proposing a 1-2 week Restaurant week in town to promote local farmers and restaurants. The 7th-21st of August is the proposed weeks. S. Lundgren will reach out to local farms and business to see if they are interested.
 - 6.2 Food Voucher Program- J. Pitney reviewed the food voucher program. She reported each voucher was being raised to \$20.00, to include now honey, maple syrup, cheese, with the other eligible items. J. Pitney reports last year's sales were \$4,000.
 - 6.3 Regional Agriculture meeting- The committee decided it would hold a Regional Agricultural meeting on 4/18/2023 at 6:30pm at the Tolland Public Library. S. Sullivan will reach out to surrounding towns to send out invitations to Stafford, Bolton, Coventry, Mansfield, Willington.

7. Other Business- Staff or Commission Members- no
8. Approve Minutes- February 6, 2023 Regular Meeting. S. Lundgren extended the motion to approve the minutes, K. Molloy made the motion, S. Sullivan second the motion, All in favor.
9. List of topics for the next meeting-
 1. Campbell farm
 2. Restaurant week
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 4. Farmers Market
 5. Food Voucher Program
 6. Regional Agriculture meeting
10. Adjournment- S. Lundgren made a motion to adjourn, K. Molloy second the motion. Motion was approved. Meeting ended at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri Sullivan