

**Agenda**  
**Tolland Agriculture Commission**  
**Monday, September 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Conference Room B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Level, 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, Connecticut**

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1. Call to Order
2. Seat Alternate(s)
3. Public Participation
4. Additions to Agenda
5. New Business
  - 5.1. Campbell farm
  - 5.2. Social Media/Agri Tourism
  - 5.3. Agricultural commission budget
  - 5.4. Human services/food voucher program
  - 5.5. Farmers market
6. Other Business – Staff or Commission Members
7. Approve Minutes – August 7, 2023 Regular Meeting
8. List of topics for the next meeting
9. Adjournment

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2024 04									
ACCOUNTS FOR:	GENERAL FUND	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENC/REQ	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED	
<b>12800072 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION - EXP</b>									
12800072	733900	PROGRAM MATERIA	200	0	200	.00	.00	200.00	.0%
12800072	733905	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	300	0	300	.00	.00	300.00	.0%
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION - EXP			500	0	500	.00	.00	500.00	.0%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND			500	0	500	.00	.00	500.00	.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES			500	0	500	.00	.00	500.00	

# **Tolland Agriculture Commission**

Tolland, Connecticut

Monday, August 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Council Chambers, 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, Connecticut

Members Present: Stephen Lundgren, Archie Tanner, Steve Bassett, Sheri Sullivan

Others Present: David Corcoran, Robert Marra, Robert Burke, Ray McKenna, Anne Bergsten, Ben Seretny, Maura Baker, Rich Carabillo

1. Call to Order: S. Lundgren called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm
2. Seat Alternate: no alternate was seated
3. Public Participation:
  - a. R. McKenna proposed to the commission to form a group- Friends of Campbell farm, to continue the clean up of overgrowth on the farm around the Northern part and around the pond and stone walls. R. McKenna looked into having these areas mowed at a cost of \$600, was questioning if the commission could use the rental fees or if town public works could be used to maintain this area. R. McKenna states a group of volunteers has already cleared a lot of overgrown brush and trees in these areas.
  - b. R. Carabillo addressed the commission to voice his concern about the overgrowth from invasive plants, especially on the north side of the property. R. Carabillo inquired if town funds or grant money could be used to maintain the property.
4. Additions to Agenda: no
5. New Business:
  - 5.1 Campbell Farm
    - a. S. Lundgren addressed the concerns of the public participation
      1. Reviewed that Campbell farm was designated for agricultural use and is presently being maintained for that purpose.
      2. Reviewed pictures of what the farm use to look like and the improvements with the new tenant.
      3. Reviewed it is a liability to have volunteers cleaning up the property, also invading the space the farmer is leasing.
      4. Commission agreed to speak with renter about options for mowing and removing overgrowth around barn. Also to mow to the pond.
      5. Commission will look into hiring someone to mow

1-2x/year as stated by rental agreement. Commission will look into funds to be used for this purpose.

6. Commission informed public they are continuing to research grants to help improve Campbell farm.

5.2 Restaurant week- no updates, commission decided to hold off till next year.

5.3 Social Media/Agri Tourism- no new updates

5.4 Farmers Market- last market featured 30 vendors, market continues to do well. Commission decided not to allow political parties to set up tables at the market. One party has taken out a permit for the green for this week's market time. It was decided that either a snow fence or cones will be put in place to separate events. Market committee will look into taking out permit for entire green, with the exception of already established events on the green.

6. Other Business- Staff or Commission Members-

6.1 Human services will entertain the idea of other farms being able to accept vouchers at next year's market. Commission also suggest voucher dollar amount be lowered. Commission will also look into doubling state WIC and Senior vouchers for next year.

6.2 Planning and Zoning asked the Commission their thoughts on the sidewalk on the green. The proposal is a 4 foot concrete side walk on the carriage road side of the green with 2 cut outs on the curbing.

a. Commission would like the side to be made of material that could be driven over due to the farmers market

b. Commission would like to see it be made of a more historical looking type of material

c. Commission did state that the temporary sidewalk is being utilized at every market, but is asking that public works pull temporary sidewalk up and relay it down as it is no longer visible.

7. Approve Minutes- June 5,2023 Regular Meeting- S. Lundgren extended the motion to approve the minutes, A. Tanner made the motion, S. Bassett second the motion, All in favor.

8. List of Topics for the next meeting

a. Campbell farm

- b. Social Media/Agri Tourism
- c. Agricultural commission budget
- d. Human services/food voucher program
- e. Farmers market

9. Adjournment- S. Lundgren made a motion to adjourn, S. Sullivan second the motion. Motion was approved. Meeting ended at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri Sullivan