

Agenda
Tolland Agriculture Commission
Monday, October 2, 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
 - 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
 - 5.6. Farm Viability Grant
6. Other Business – Staff or Commission Members
7. Approve Minutes – September 18, 2023 Regular Meeting
8. List of topics for the next meeting
9. Adjournment

Tolland Agriculture Commission

Tolland, Connecticut

Monday, September 18, 2023 at 7:00pm

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Members Present: Steven Lundgren, Sheri Sullivan, Archie Tanner

Others Present: David Corcoran, Bev Bellody, Kerri Schneider

1. Call to Order: S. Lundgren called the meeting to order a 7:02 pm
2. Seat Alternate: no alternate was seated
3. Public Participation: no public participation
4. Additions to Agenda: no additions
5. New Business

5.1 Campbell Farm- Commission entertained a motion to have Joe Matties mow Campbell farm property back to stone walls 1x/year at an estimated cost of \$2,500. The commission will pay for the up keep with the commission's budget. S. Lundgren extended the motion to approve the use of funds, S. Sullivan second the motion, All in favor. The Tolland conservation core has worked with volunteers to clean certain properties in Tolland. The Commission will connect the volunteers from the Village of Crystal Springs to determine a plan to have them clean around stone wall and around the barn, at the farmers request if they decide they want to. A wavier from the volunteers will need to be signed with the conservation core. The commission will request \$3,000 from Town council for next year's budget to continue upkeep on the property. S. Sullivan will work with the Towns grant writer in order to get a grant to help fund a well on the property next year. Planning and zoning has received estimates for the installation of the well.

5.2 Social Media- The CT Countryside website should be up and running in the near future.

5.3 Agricultural Commission budget- D. Corcoran reviewed the commission's budget-\$5,194.00 in the permanent Agricultural commission fund and \$500.00 additional funds. Commission will ask the

town council for \$3,000 for an annual budget to keep the upkeep on Campbell farm.

5.4 Human services/food voucher program- the commission requested to Human services that out of town farms be eligible to take in Food vouchers at the Tolland Green Market. The commission also discussed Human services helping us to fund Doubling of State benefits at the market. Both Human services and the commission will look into ways to get funding for this.

5.5 Farmers Market- The commission discussed putting together a cover letter, application for next year's farmer market vendors. Will discuss the possibility of changing the layout for next year, having more events. A survey will be given to vendors for their suggestions. D. Corcoran is going to look into an email that can be used for the market committee. The idea was also entertained to making the market a nonprofit to receive more funding.

6. Other Business- Staff or Commission Members- no additional business

7. Approve Minutes- August 7, 2023 Regular meeting. S. Lundgren extended the motion to approve the minutes, A. Tanner made the motion, S. Sullivan second the motion, All in favor.

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9. Adjournment- S. Lundgren made a motion to adjourn, A. Tanner second the motion. Motion was approved. Meeting ended at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri Sullivan