

**Durham Agricultural Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 19th, 2016
7:00 pm, Lower Level, Town Library**

Members: Warren Herzig, Fred Mastele, Melissa Dziurgot, David Zemelsky, Roger Passavant

Alternates: Joe Pasquale

1. Meeting was called to order by Fred Mastele at 7:00 pm and roll call was taken.
2. Motion was made by David Zemelsky and seconded by Melissa Dziurgot to accept the January 19th, 2016 Meeting Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion was made by Warren Herzig and seconded by Melissa Dziurgot to accept the December 15th, 2015 Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Public Comment / POCD

Frank DeFelice came before the Commission as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission. He explained that P&Z was working on a new Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). He explained that Towns are required to submit a POCD to the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM) every ten years, and that the Town of Durham was actually three years behind schedule in submitting their POCD. He explained further that a Town's POCD is intended to be a guiding document for the community in regards to how it plans to develop in the coming ten years.

Frank had put together a draft of what he proposed for an Agricultural Chapter to the Town POCD. He gave the Commission an in depth review of the draft.

At the end of his presentation, there was a lengthy question and answer session between the Ag Commission members and Frank. The AgComm members finally decided it would make sense to table the topic in order to give members more time to review Frank's draft. The Commission would then hold a Special Meeting to present its recommendations regarding the Agricultural Chapter to Frank, representing the P&Z.

The Commission thanked Frank DeFelice for his time and for the fine job he had done on the first draft of the Agricultural Chapter of the Town POCD.

5. Old Business

Guilford Road Properties

David was interested in where we stood on the Guilford Road Properties. Roger stated that he had not yet put together the Management Plan that Laura Francis had requested. Fred stated that as soon as the Management Plan was put in writing, the Ag Commission would vote on it.

Coginchaug River

Warren reported that there was no meeting this month.

Durham Grown Signs

Roger got new pricing for the next set of Durham Grown signs. The Commission had decided to increase the size of the signs from the current 18" x 24" to 24" x 36". The cost of the signs would increase from roughly \$45 to \$110 per sign. At a previous meeting, Dick Porter suggested making the signs reflective for better visibility at night. Due to their color and size, the sign company did not feel that making them reflective would increase their visibility. Fred will check on what this year's AgComm budget is.

6. New Business

No new business.

Motion to adjourn made by Melissa. Seconded by Warren. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.