

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN**  
**AGRICULTURE AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**FRANKLIN TOWN HALL**  
**7 MEETINGHOUSE HILL RD.**  
**FRANKLIN, CT 06254**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, November 16, 2023, 7:30 PM**

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**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:31pm

**Members Present:** Mike Miner, Craig Staebner, Roland Mihok, Gail Miller, Alan Holmberg.

**Alternate Members Present:** Mackenzie Beckwith.      **Guests present:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Craig made a **MOTION** to accept 10/19/23 minutes as amended. Alan seconded:

1) Corrected Spelling: Irene "Morgan" *in place of* Irene "Mihok". Motion Passed Unanimously

**Old Business:**

Social Media Update: Continue looking for submission photos and topics.

Submissions can be emailed to: [mackenziebeckwith@gmail.com](mailto:mackenziebeckwith@gmail.com)

**New Business:**

Election of officers will take place in January.

Craig made a **MOTION** to accept 2024 Meeting schedule as amended. Alan seconded:

1) NO scheduled meetings for May, June, July, August, and September of 2024. Motion Passed Unanimously

**Discussion:**

**Open Space:**

1. Is there a map or list of parcels of land owned by the town that have been set aside as Open Space or preserved for conservation purposes? Would like to get a copy of current maps/lists that show this information.
2. How is Open Space funds managed within the Town Budget?
3. Can unused money for AgCon budget go into roll over fund to be accumulated for use by AgCon for Open Space Fund?

**Conservation Budget:** Look into setting up conservation budget for Agriculture and Conservation Commission. Look into parcels in town that have already been "Preserved" or "Conserved". Is there a map or list the town hall has of these parcels. Who currently manages these parcels?

**Conservation Goal:** Keep as much open space as possible while maintaining & managing these lands

**Connecticut Farm Bureau:** for grants and guest speakers.

**By-Laws:** Review at December meeting:

**Adjournment:** Gail made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:26 PM. Mike seconded. Motion Passed Unanimously

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** December 21, 2023 7:30PM at Town Hall