TOWN OF FRANKLIN

AGRICULTURE AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

FRANKLIN TOWN HALL 7 MEETINGHOUSE HILL RD. FRANKLIN, CT 06254

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 20, 2023, 7:30PM

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Members Present: Chairman Mike Miner, Roland Mihok, Craig Staebner

Member Absent: Vice Chairman Alan Holmberg, Gail Miller

Alternate Member Present: Mackenzie Beckwith

2. Recognition of Visitors: Irene Mihok

Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2023

MOTION 1 made by Craig Staebner SECONDED BY Roland Mihok that the AgCon Commission approve March 16,

2023 Meeting Minutes – as presented

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIES

- 4. Old Business:
 - a. Ag Commission Social Media Platform Update:

Work continues in posting historical and current agriculturally based photos and stories on platform.

- b. Farm Viability Grant: Review to begin with the Department of Agriculture in preparation for next year.
- c. Signage: Discussion to take place with First Selectman in regards to slow moving farm equipment signage:
 - > South end of Route 32 near the old Modesto's Restaurant
 - North end of Route 32 near the old Mushroom Farm
 - North end of Route 32: Two signs along Route 32 at 207-32 intersection
- 5. New Business:
 - a. Ag Commission Goals:
 - Potential to start land conservation fund
 - > Continue building agricultural business directory
 - > Begin work on potential Farm Viability Grant from Department of Agriculture
 - b. Next Ag Commission meeting will be held **October 19th 7:30PM** @ Townhall.
- 6. Public Comment: None
- 7. Adjournment:

MOTION 2 made by Craig Staebner SECONDED BY Roland Mihok that AGCON adjourn at 8:20 PM. VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted, Mike Miner & Sherry Pollard