



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
AGRICULTURE AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION [AgCon]**

**FRANKLIN TOWN HALL
7 Meetinghouse Hill Rd.
Franklin, CT 06254**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 17, 2022
7:30 p.m.

This meeting was held in person and virtual format with connections via live stream and video conferencing.
(These Minutes are "Unapproved". "Approval" takes place at the next Board meeting held and will show changes/ corrections if any)

1. Call to Order: Chairman Mike Miner called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Members Present: Chairman Miner, Roland Mihok, Vice Chair Alan Holmberg.

Members Absent: Gail Miller, Craig Staebner.

2. Recognition of Visitors and Initial Inquiries: N/A
3. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION #1 (03.17.22): made by Alan Holmberg **SECONDED BY** Roland Mihok that the AGCON Commission ADD approval of January 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes to the Agenda

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIES

- a. February 17, 2022:

MOTION #2 (03.17.22): made by Alan Holmberg **SECONDED BY** Roland Mihok that the AGCON Commission approve Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2022 – as presented

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIES

- b. January 27, 2022:

MOTION #3 (03.17.22): made by Alan Holmberg **SECONDED BY** Roland Mihok that the AGCON Commission approve Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2022 – as presented

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIES

4. Old Business:

- a. Discussion AGCON Objectives & Goals:

CT Resource Conservation & Development/Complimentary Marketing & Technology Services to Small Businesses:
(creating website specific to AGCON future goals & objectives)

- Commission continues to gather registration information from agricultural businesses in Franklin.
- Program manager will contact AG-CON May 2022.
- A few forms have been received to date

b. Budget:

- Reviewed line items in Budget: Current Year 2021-2022

1400.10 Advertising / Misc. \$150.00

1450.20 Open Space Fund. \$250.00

Members would like to keep funds in 1400.10 for things such as mailings and purchasing refreshments when hosting any type of workshop or events.

Members would like to keep funds in 1400.20 for opens space related items. As an example, if someone donates funds for opens space, such funds could be deposited into this account. Fund could then be utilized by the Town to purchase land and/or purchase farmland to keep it from being developed.

c. Franklin Agriculture & Conservation Business Directory:

- AGCON form to register is now available on Town Website
- Link to form is provided on Franklin Connection
- Most effective way is to get the word out and contact people we know in Town. Inform all of AGCON goal and that the form is available

d. Franklin Farmers T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Fundraiser:

- Topic has been tabled due to other AGCON goals and objectives being worked on

5. New Business

a. AGCON Directory Pamphlet:

- Work continues on Pamphlet
- Will review associated costs on creating, printing and distributing pamphlet. Perhaps there may be grant funds available

b. Possible Sponsors for AGCON Directory Pamphlet:

- Discussion on possibility having a business sponsor pamphlet as their advertisement to help us offset the cost of creating and distributing pamphlet
- It was noted if we are going to do something to promote agriculture we should do it via town funds because businesses in town are already paying taxes
- Will continue to gather materials and then determine if it can be done using town budgeted funds and or there might be the possibility of grants. Will talk to Charlie Grant, First Selectman.

6. General Comments: None

7. Public Comment: None

8. Adjournment:

MOTION #3 (03.17.22): made by Alan Holmberg **SECONDED BY** Roland Mihok that the AGCON Commission adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM.

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted, **Sherry Pollard**, Commission Secretary