

Durham Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes

November 18th, 2025

7:00 pm 2nd Floor Town Hall

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Randy McLean

Attendance: Bob Miller (absent), Jessica Augur (Secretary), Matt Dziurgot (Alternate), Melissa Dziurgot (Vice Chair), Roger Passavant (absent), Sue Cummings (Alternate), Warren Herzig (Alternate), Randy McLean (Chair)

Seating of Alternates: Susan C seated for Roger P., Matt D. seated for Bob M.

Motion to approve agenda made by Melissa D., 2nd by Jessica A. Motion passed unanimously.

No public comment

Motion to approve meeting minutes from October 21st, 2025, made by Melissa D., 2nd by Jessica A. Minutes approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Warren Herzig commented that Jessica A. did a nice job November 5th with the Plan of Conservation and Development on behalf of the Agricultural Commission and offered thanks for her presentation.

New Business:

Resignation from his seat on the Agricultural Commission received via email from Roger Passavant. The Commission plans to send a letter to Roger thanking him for his years of dedication and service to the town of Durham, and for Roger's continued involvement and willingness to help the Ag Commission in their mission. Jessica A. will compose the letter.

Melissa D. made a motion to recommend Hilary Miller as an alternate, 2nd by Jessica A. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting dates discussed for 2026 as third Tuesday of the month, at the same time 7:00 pm.

Budget requests asked for submission by December 19th. Discussion on Connecticut Farm Enhancement Grants, (Guilford successfully receiving said grant) Viability Grants, Right to Farm signage, and various medias (Facebook, websites), trifold, and physical pamphlets/brochures. Discussion on various farms in town's interest level in potentially participating in future publications to represent the agricultural component in the town of

Durham, and continued discourse on the importance of individual consent in participation prior to funding such works or invested time spent. Jessica A. asked for assistance from fellow commission members to provide her with emails or phone numbers of Durham farmers.

Warren H. mentioned the Land for Good and incorporating them again as a resource. Randy M. continued discussion for a future agenda item and having Land for Good come perhaps again (this coming summer) for an informational session.

Jessica A. mentioned that Howd Road Property Lease for Grass Crop Harvesting is posted on the Town of Durham website. Melissa D asked when bids close. Jessica A. noted bids will be accepted until 2pm Monday February 9th 2026 in the First Selectman's office.

Matt D. moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Sue C. All aye, meeting adjourned unanimously at 7:52 am.