

Minutes Durham Agriculture Commission
March 17th 2026 7:00 pm Town Hall 2nd floor

Meeting called to order by Chairman Randy McLean at 7:05 pm.

Roll call: Bob Miller, Jessica Augur, Melissa Dziurgot, Susan Cummings, Hillary Miller, Warren Herzig all present.

Absent: Matt Dziurgot

Seating of alternates: none seated

Motion to approve the agenda made by Jessica A., 2nd by Melissa D. All AYES, agenda approved unanimously.

Public comment: none

Motion to approve the minutes as submitted from the February 17th 2026 meeting made by Melissa D., 2nd by Bob M. All AYES, minutes approved unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Chairman reported he sent an email communication to the office of First Selectman re: DoAG grant award notification which included a complete synopsis of project including its description, grant details, Durham Farm Map budget, Ag Commission budgets, commentary on the DOAG enhancement grant and proposals submitted regarding municipal procurement requirements and requesting guidance from said office to ensure that all applicable policies and procedures are followed prior to finalizing any project award.

Jessica A. noted that she received an email communication from The Connecticut Department of Agriculture on March 12th, 2026 with an attached letter from Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt thanking Durham's Agriculture Commission for the 2026 Agricultural Enhancement Grant (AgeE Grant) application and to inform us that the Durham Agriculture Commission "has been selected for a \$2,200.00 award." The letter also detailed that "they received 37 applications this year." Grant information is viewable on the Connecticut Department of Agriculture website https://portal.ct.gov/doag?language=en_US
Discussion on framework for contractual reviews and timing around when finalizing work should begin to submit for printing and design work.

Chairman reporting, he spoke to the Board of Selectman meeting and discussed the 2024 original plan to work towards the State of CT Agricultural Enhancement Grant application along with presenting the budget for the project.

Discussion on Franks Printing (Tri Fold) style of paper 100 pounds of gloss text finish and of another 2,000 copies, if needed, copies would be worth the cost.

Discussion on family farms, properties, heritage, homesteads ~casting a wide net to agricultural properties aligned with the farm map to not miss anyone in town that may be interested.

Motion to adjourn made by Jessica A., 2nd by Melissa D. meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.