MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2023 AGRIBUSINESS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGECEIVED FOR RECORD AT EAST LYME HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS

Members present: Mark Christensen, Jan Shenk Grosskopf, Tom Yuhas, Terri Yuhas

Meeting opened at 6:40pm.

Delegates – none

October Minutes – approved 4 – 0

Discussion on potential Agriculture Education topics was held. Terri and Tom Yuhas will join the Ct Maple Syrup Producers Association with the objective of learning about Maple Syrup production to help with future education topics. Terri and Tom Yuhas will also reach out to contacts from the Ledyard Vo-Ag High School to request a tour for members of the Agriculture Sub-committee.

Winter Seminars – Agribusiness Winter Lecture Series (2024) Saturday January 27th 2pm – "Alternative Landscapes that Benefit Water Quality". (Set up by Marjorie Meekhoff of Pollinator Pathways)

Saturday February 3rd 2pm – T.J. Londregan will present "Niantic Bay Shellfish Farms: Current Production and Future Operations" (snow date Feb 10th). East Lyme Room East Lyme Library. (Set up by the Agribusiness Sub-committee)

Friday March 8th 10am – "DOT 161 Interchange Project". DOT Field Office Suite 215, 339 Flanders Road, Latimer Brook Commons, East Lyme. (Snow data Friday March 15th). (Set up by Marjorie Meekhoff of Pollinator Pathways)

Saturday March 23rd 2pm - "Connecticut's Eastern Coyote". (Set up by Marjorie Meekhoff of Pollinator Pathways)

Saturday April 6th 3pm – "Benefits of Local, Sustainably Grown Food". East Lyme Room East Lyme Library. (Set up by the Agribusiness Sub-committee)

Upcoming Activities (2024)

January 13th 6pm - Potluck Party for Preservationists at Niantic Community Church 170 Pennsylvania Ave. (Snow date January 14th at 6pm same location). Please bring a salad, main dish, side dish, or dessert. Coffee and tea are provided. Each group will provide a synopsis on 2023 accomplishments as well as an overview of 2024 goals.

Other

There will be no meeting in December 2023. The Agriculture Subcommittee does not meet in July or December.

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Yuhas
Secretary, East Lyme Agribusiness sub-committee