

MINUTES OF April 16 2025 AGRIBUSINESS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
AT East Lyme High School, East Lyme, CT

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Members present: Mark Christensen, Tom Yuhas, Terri Yuhas

Meeting opened at 6:33pm.

Delegates – None

March Minutes – Pass 3-0

Agriculture Education

Terri Yuhas to draft email as requested by Laura Ashburn (East Lyme High School)

Nothing Further

Winter Lecture Series

- Opossum Program –well attended.65 people attended and program received a lot of praise. Thanks to Jan!
- Ideas on Other Potential Topics?
 - Small Engine Maintenance (potential Sept/Oct 2025) – Tom to discuss whether speaker could hold a class at their shop.
 - Continue trying to locate speakers for presentation on raising small livestock.
 - Potential 2026 winter seminar on both history of and current state of chestnut trees and potential farm crop – Terri to contact Historical Society for the history portion and Connecticut Chestnut Foundation for the “state of the state” on Chestnut trees
 - Hydrologist to discuss issues with Salt in the Drinking Water
 - Chickens
 - Climate Change and impact on Birds

Additional Items/Reports

A subset of Additional Legislative Bills that could potentially impact farm/forest were discussed.

Tractor Show at the Samuel Smith Farmstead was discussed. Potentially scheduled for June 14th from 10-3pm.

- Discussed renaming the Tractor Show to the Butch Foster Memorial Tractor Show. The committee agreed this would be a great idea. Mark Christensen to bring the idea forward.
- Discussed using last years’ poster for advertising with modifications as applicable.

- Requested ideas for reaching out to people who own tractors:

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn accepted 3-0. The Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Next Meeting: 21May2025

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Yuhas

Secretary, East Lyme Agribusiness sub-committee