

MINUTES OF August 20 2025 AGRIBUSINESS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
AT East Lyme High School, East Lyme, CT

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

Meeting opened at 6:38pm.

Delegates – None

July Minutes – N/A

Agriculture Education

Winter Lecture Series

- Potential Ideas for Winter 25/26
 - Starting a Farm in Connecticut
 - Baldwin Brook Farm - Organic Farm in Canterbury – need to provide potential dates. Will ask if it can be at the East Lyme Public Library Senior Center
 - Maintaining Small Equipment
 - State of the Chestnut tree in CT
 - Natural Resource Conservation Service Available Services and Funding

Additional Items/Reports

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

- Public Act 25-152 –Connecticut Farm Bill signed
 - Farmer Investment Tax Credits
 - State Wide Municipal Property Tax exemptions
 - Hoop House Building Code Exemptions – section 8
 - Agritourism Liability – section 10
 - Agricultural Drone Use
 - Manure Management Grant Program
 - Shipping Container Farms
 - Shellfish Regulations – section 11
 - Sale of Soil Amendments
- H.R.1 – One Big Beautiful Bill Act
 - 66 Billion to Agriculture over next decade
 - 59B – Farm Subsidy Programs
 - 2.8B – Disaster Assistance
 - 2.2B – Trade Programs
 - 1.6B – Ag Research, Rural Development, Clean Energy

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Farm Day at the Samuel Smith Farmstead was discussed

- Agriculture Sub-committee to provide support such as
 - Bringing a Horse
 - Bringing a Steer
 - Making Applesauce over open fire
 - Bringing Turkeys
 - Potentially Goats – TBD will ask local farm owner

Reports

- Mark Christensen communicated that Logging will be done at Nehantic State Forest. They will be cutting 55000 Board Feet of lumber or 40 Cords of firewood. An informational session was to be held by Ct DEEP on Friday Sept 22nd for neighboring land owners.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn accepted 4-0. The Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Sept 17th 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Yuhas

Secretary, East Lyme Agribusiness sub-committee