

MINUTES OF September 17 2025 AGRIBUSINESS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING  
AT East Lyme High School, East Lyme, CT

Members present: Mark Christensen, Terri Yuhas, Tom Kalal (representing Nancy Kalal)

Meeting opened at 6:38pm.

Delegations – none

August Minutes – accepted

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
    - Email sent – no response as of yet
  - Agriculture – Food and Water
    - Potential Speaker to ask – Danny Munch on “State of Agriculture in our Country”
    - Potential Speaker to ask – Marcie Benvenuti

Additional Items/Reports

Group to review the Special Permit Regulations for Agriculture or Farm-Poultry (R12 & R10 Zoning Districts) Memo dated 02Sep2025 and provide feedback on potential changes to the Agriculture Subcommittee.

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
  - Oysters
  - Bringing Turkeys
  - Potentially Goats – TBD will ask local farm owner

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## Reports

- Mark Christensen communicated that Logging will be done at Nehantic State Forest as per CT DEEP. They will clear about 10 Acres. Logging will start in the winter.

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn accepted 3-0. The Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Next Meeting: Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Yuhas

Secretary, East Lyme Agribusiness sub-committee