

MINUTES OF January 21, 2026 AGRIBUSINESS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
AT East Lyme High School, East Lyme, CT

Members present: Mark Christensen, Terri Yuhas, Tom Yuhas

Meeting opened at 6:40pm.

Delegations – none

November Minutes – to be reviewed at next meeting

Agriculture Education

Winter Lecture Series

- Potential Ideas for Winter 25/26
 - Food and Water
 - Paul Colburn from Ct DEEP who spoke on Bears can also speak on other wildlife if requested such as Bobcat, Fisher, and Coyotes
- Completed or Scheduled Winter Seminar Series
 - Bears – completed – Well attended with 45 attendees
 - Food and Water
 - Ground Water Sustainability - Scheduled 2pm Saturday Feb 7th – Register at East Lyme Public Library Events site
 - Protecting our Water Resources – Scheduled 2pm Saturday March 7th – Register at East Lyme Public Library Events site

Additional Items/Reports

- Connecticut PA 490 Recommended Land Use Values and Best Practices rolled back to 2020 values. A Working Group is being convened at the state level to review process for land use valuation under PA 490.
- Decision to move East Lyme Agribusiness Subcommittee meetings to 7pm instead of 6:30pm. Motion to approve the change accepted 3-0.
- Mark Christensen discussed the Plan of Conservation Development (POCD) and review by the Agribusiness Subcommittee on recommendations for land preservation for the POCD 2030 updates.

2026 Town of East Lyme 250th Celebration – Agriculture Sub-committee to begin thinking about potential programs

Reports –

Mark Christensen stated that logging has been started in the state forest.. The plan is to log 10-12 acres

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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn accepted 3-0. The Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Next Meeting: February 18th, 2026 at 6pm

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