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Electors and those persons eligible to vote in town meetings of the Town of Stafford, Connecticut, are hereby notified that a Special Town Meeting will be held at the Stafford Community Center, 3 Buckley Highway, Stafford, Connecticut on Wednesday April 12, 2017 at 7:00PM., for the purpose to wit:

1. To adopt a Town of Stafford Ordinance establishing an Agriculture Advisory Commission.
2. To allow for any proposed ordinances to be published in summary form as stated in Connecticut General Statute 7-157b.
3. To do any other business proper to said meeting.

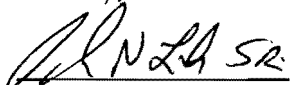
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A copy of all ordinances are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

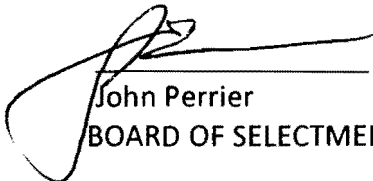
Dated at Stafford, Connecticut, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017.



Anthony Frassinelli



John N. Locke, Sr.



John Perrier  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Proposed Ordinance

**STAFFORD AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**ESTABLISHMENT**

In accordance with CGS 7-131v there shall be established an Agriculture Commission to be designated as the "Stafford Agriculture Advisory Commission" (hereinafter referred to as the "Agriculture Advisory Commission").

**MEMBERSHIP; APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES; TERMS**

The Agriculture Advisory Commission will consist of 7 members and 2 alternates appointed by The Board of Selectmen in accordance to Connecticut General Statutes. Insofar as practical, members appointed shall be representative of all groups interested in the management, protection and regulation of agriculture, as defined by Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 1 Section 1-1q, particularly those directly involved in agriculture, including there shall be an ad hoc seat for one FFA (Future Farmers of America) or 4-H member for a term of one year who shall be non-voting member but eligible to fully participate in all discussions.

The failure of a voting member to attend four (4) consecutive meetings of the commission may constitute cause for the Board of Selectmen to remove the member and fill the position thus vacated. A chair, vice chair and a secretary will be appointed by its members and will serve for a term of one year, except for the 1<sup>st</sup> year the Board of Selectmen will appoint the Chairperson.

**LENGTH OF TERM:** Staggered 2-year terms, with initial appointments to be 4 members for 2 years and 3 members for 1 year; 1 alternate to be for 2 years and 1 alternate for 1 year. Members of the Commission shall serve without pay.

**DUTIES: Advisory only**

1) Provide information to local farmers and to municipal boards and commissions about the benefits of a balance between agriculture and other land uses; (2) educate municipal officials about agricultural laws and safety issues; (3) identify grant sources for farmers and municipalities; (4) enable a common understanding of agriculture among all municipal departments; (5) provide information and guidance about zoning issues relating to agriculture; (6) support local, regional and state vocational agricultural programs concerning agricultural matters; (7) provide conflict resolution and advisory services; (8) identify innovative opportunities for agriculture; and (9) create a climate that supports the economic viability of agriculture in the municipality.

**MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

The meetings of the Agriculture Advisory Commission shall be open to the public and it shall comply with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.