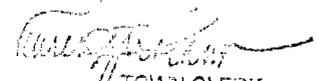


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**Town of Stafford
Special Town Meeting
Wednesday, April 12, 2017**


TOWN CLERK

First Selectman Tony Frassinelli called the Town Meeting to order at 7:02 pm in the Meeting Room of the Stafford Community Center at 3 Buckley Highway, Stafford, Connecticut. Approximately 24 electors and those eligible to vote in Town Meetings were in attendance.

First Selectman Tony Frassinelli led the assemblage in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

John Locke nominated Edward Muska to serve as Moderator. John Perrier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk Karen G. Troiano read the call of the meeting which was duly posted on April 3, 2017 in the Office of the Town Clerk, and published in the Journal Inquirer on that same day.

Sam Dodge proposed the following motion:

“I move that the Town adopt a Town of Stafford Ordinance establishing an Agriculture Advisory Commission, as proposed.”

Judith Mordasky seconded the motion.

Hearing no discussion, Moderator Muska called for a voice vote. Moderator Muska declared the motion approved.

John Locke proposed the following motion:

“I move that the Town allow for any proposed ordinances to be published in summary form as stated in Connecticut General Statute 7-157b.”

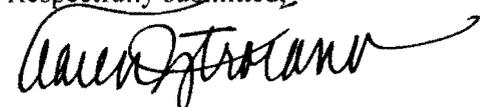
Nancy Collier seconded the motion.

Hearing no discussion, Moderator Muska called for a voice vote. Moderator Muska declared the motion approved.

With no other business to come before the Town Meeting, Moderator Muska entertained a motion to adjourn by John Locke and seconded by Kevin Dalrymple.

The Town Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen G. Troiano
Town Clerk

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 1st 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.