

SWALPAC
SOUTH WINDSOR AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Minutes

September 17, 2019

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joseph Kennedy Jr, Barbara Kelly, Elizabeth Warren, James Futtner, Cile Decker, Tim Shepard, Ed Kasheta, Frank Niederwerfer, Sandy Jeski, Mayor Andrew Paterna, Council Liaison
- CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05 pm
- MINUTES APPROVED:** Motion to approve the May 21, 2019 minutes made by Betty Warren, seconded by Ed Kasheta and passed.
- NEW BUSINESS** **Hemp** – According to State and Federal regulations, licensed hemp plants are legal to grow as long as their content of THC (the psychoactive component in hemp's sister strain, cannabis) remains at or below 0.3%. Though industrial hemp is used to make products such as building materials, paper, rope, textiles and nutritional supplements, its most profitable application is now the production of CBD salve, prized for its purported anxiety and pain suppressing effects. Farmer Ed Kasheta said harvesting will be done over a three week period. The hemp will be sent out for drying and processing.
- OLD BUSINESS**
- Sustainable CT** Mayor Paterna announced that the Town is moving from Bronze to Silver Level. Once qualified, the Town will become eligible for a \$25,000 matching grant.
- Fox Run Nursery**
(391 Niederwerfer Rd) No update
- Priest Property** No report
- Nelson Property** Water has been installed
- Barton Property** Improved drainage
- Development Rights for** No update
Raymond/Birden Properties
- BRAINSTORMING** 1. Farmer outreach
 2. Learning and teaching agriculture
 3. Community and home gardens
- NEXT MEETING** The next Regular SWALPAC Meeting will be November 19, 2019 in the Caucus Room.
- ADJOURNED** Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:10 pm was made by Betty Warren, seconded by Sandy Jeski and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kennedy Jr, Chair

Approved: November 19, 2019