

**TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR**

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**TOWN COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING**

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Paterna called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

3. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Andrew Paterna
Deputy Mayor Liz Pendleton
Councilor Audrey Delnicki
Councilor Erica Evans
Councilor Mary Justine Hockenberry
Councilor Cesar Lopez
Councilor Karen Lydecker
Councilor Janice Snyder

Members Absent: Councilor Lisa Maneeley

Others Present: Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager
Vanessa Perry, Asst. Town Manager/Director of H.R.
Drew Guild, Systems Administrator/Project Leader

5. Adoption of Agenda

Councilor Lydecker made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Deputy Mayor Pendleton seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Pendleton made a motion to amend the agenda by moving Item 13. H. after Item 6. Councilor Hockenberry seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Mayor Paterna called for a vote on the amended motion; it was approved unanimously.

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13. New Business

H. Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Submit a Grant Application to the United States Department of Agriculture

WHEREAS, the goal of this grant is to create a resilient urban agricultural community empowered by innovative Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA); and

WHEREAS, this is proposed to be accomplished by using energy-efficient and alternative energy technologies to lift up the areas that have been plagued by low food access; and

WHEREAS, this is proposed to be within a greenhouse, a building, or a shipping container, as locations for Controlled Environment Agriculture, with the goal to locate the first growing facility in South Windsor, CT; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor will partner with Dr. Richard Fu of Agrivolution to plan and collect data on the feasibility of fuel-cell-powered urban farms that provide combined heat, power, and CO2 (CHP+) to boost year-round growing; and

WHEREAS, the South Windsor Hunger Action Team, and the South Windsor Food Alliance will explore with local farmers and growers and facilitate direct sales and distribution to the residents in Low Income/Low Access areas of Hartford County, including the South Windsor Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, since the Town of South Windsor will submit the grant and administer the financial aspects of the potential grant award, the Town will receive \$46,000 in funding for staff time to process invoices for payment or receipt of money for the grant operation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby authorizes Town Manager Michael Maniscalco to submit the grant application to the United States Department of Agriculture for the Controlled Environment Agriculture farming grant.

Was made by Councilor Maneeley
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton
The motion was approved, unanimously

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ITEM:

8. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meeting: Virtual Special Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2020.

Was made by Councilor Evans

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton

The motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0 with Councilor Delnicki abstaining.

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meeting: Virtual Regular Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2020.

Was made by Councilor Lopez

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pendleton

The motion was approved, unanimously.

11. Consent Agenda

Councilor Snyder made a motion to approve Agenda Items 11.b.A. for a second reading on the Consent Agenda. Councilor Hockenberry seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

A. Resolution Appointing Nick Jones (R) to the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Commission

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby appoints Nick Jones (R) to the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Commission for a term ending November 30, 2022, to fill an expired term of Jonathan Foster.

Councilor Hockenberry made a motion to extend the meeting past 11:00 p.m. Councilor Lopez seconded the motion. The motion failed because not all Council members were in agreement to extend the meeting. The meeting ended at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ashley Booth
Recording Secretary