East Haddam Planning and Zoning Commission
Subcommittee
Special Meeting to Review Agriculture Regulations
Municipal Office Complex
July 26, 2023

Ed Gubbins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Jim Ventres, Land Use Administrator, Ed Gubbins and Toni Dumaine, Planning & Zoning Commission, Dave Merrick and Bob Casner, Economic Development Commission and Lauren Pszczolkowski Economic Development Administrator.

Absent: Aaron Taylor and Ron Distefano, Agriculture Commission.

This is the first meeting for this subcommittee to review the existing zoning regulations pertaining to agriculture. Once the regulations are determined, this commission will recommend the amendments to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and a public hearing. Jim Ventres opened a discussion for the following regulations:

a. Farm Stands
b. Farm Stores
c. Farm Wineries and Breweries
d. Tack Shops

Discussion ensued pertaining to the differences in regulations and licenses of farm stands, farm stores, wineries, and breweries. It was decided to create a category for farm stores that hold events. Jim Ventres will email members website links to area farm stores, wineries, and breweries to review before the next meeting to be held on Thursday, August 31, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office Complex, Room 1.

Public comments:
Maureen Pearson gave her opinion on the importance of farm stores.

Bob Casner motioned to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Dave Merrick 2nd the motion, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Marie Dumaine
Recording Secretary