

## CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Preservation



### FARMLAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

# SPECIAL MEETING RE: THE OPTION TO PURCHASE AT AGRICULTURAL VALUE IN CT

MEETING AGENDA Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 10:50am

Held remotely through Cisco WebEx Meetings *A link is provided on the <u>FPAB web page</u>* 

| 9:00am | Check-in & | & review | agenda |
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## 9:05am Option to Purchase at Agricultural Value (OPAV) Overview

 Chelsea Gazillo of Working Lands Alliance/AFT with Will O'Meara of Land For Good/FPAB/Hungry Reaper Farm

#### 9:20am OPAV in Vermont

• Tyler Miller, Vice President for Stewardship at Vermont Land Trust

#### 9:45am O & A

• Both members of the Farmland Preservation Advisory Board and the public are invited to participate

#### 10:25am Action Plan for FPAB

- Are there aspects of OPAV you would like to learn more about?
- What could an OPAV program look like in CT?
- What would need to happen in CT to make OPAV a reality?
  - Is a change in statute required?
  - What are the roles of professionals and organizations who currently support the Farmland Preservation Program?
    - Land Trusts, Appraisers, etc.
  - What support is needed for farmers?
    - Outreach, farm viability, estate planning, etc.

#### **10:45am** Close