

FPAB August Meeting  
Thursday, August 26, 2021

DRAFT Meeting Minutes (taken by Holly Lalime)

FPAB Members Present: Robin Chesmer (Chair), Jiff Martin (Vice Chair), Ellie Angerame, Robert Chang, John Hall, Jason White, Ben Freund, Terry Jones, Will O'Meara, Joann Nichols, Elisabeth Moore

FPAB Members Absent: None

CT Dept. of Agriculture: Jaime Smith, Cam Weimar, Holly Lalime, Carole Briggs, Kayleigh Royston

Others Present: Chelsea Gazillo, Working Lands Alliance

Robin called the meeting to order at 9:04.

Robin began the meeting with an inspirational message for the board about the Kurkinick farm in Lebanon that was protected in the 90's through the PDR program.

Robin welcomed other board members to share similar inspirations at future meetings.

Robin motioned to approve the meetings minutes from the 6.17.21 meeting. John Hall moved, Liz seconded, board voted in favor to approve.

Cam reviewed the updated Farmland Preservation Program Report.

Robin opened the floor to a discussion about Commissioner Hurlburt's feedback on the FPAB's OPAV motion/letter.

Ellie made a motion to submit another letter to the Department urging the Department to support a legislative change to allow for OPAV. Robert seconded that motion. Board voted in favor.

Joan made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the Draft Farmland Preservation Program regulations with agency staff. John seconded the motion. Board voted unanimously to go into executive session.

Joan made a motion to leave executive session. Ellie seconded that motion. Board voted to leave executive session.

Robin made a motion to continue discussing the draft Farmland Preservation Program regulations at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Joan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elisabeth seconded. Board ended the meeting at 11:12pm.