

FPAB December Meeting  
Thursday, January 20, 2022

DRAFT Meeting Minutes (taken by Holly Lalime)

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

FPAB Members Absent: Terry Jones

CT Dept. of Agriculture: Cam Weimar, Carole Briggs, Holly Lalime

Others Present: Beth Fraser (American Farmland Trust), Cris Coffin (American Farmland Trust), Chelsea Gazillo (Working Lands Alliance)

Jiff Martin called the meeting to order at 9:03AM.

**Inspiration message** - Will O'Meara presented an inspirational message to the group.

**Approval of December 16 meeting minutes** – Ben Freund made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Ellie Angerame seconded. Motion passed.

**December Farmland Preservation Programs Report** – presented by Cam Weimar.

#### **Old Business:**

**Buy Protect Sell Presentation by Cris Coffin, American Farmland Trust** – Cris Coffin played a short presentation by the American Farmland Trust (AFT) President and CEO John Piotti and spoke with the group about AFT's experience with Buy-Protect-Sell.

**OPAV** – Will O'Meara provided the board with an update on OPAV legislative work and an upcoming meeting with the environment committee.

**Agricultural lands regulation review** – Joan Nichols made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the agricultural lands preservation regulations. Jason White seconded the motion. The board voted in favor of going into executive session.

Robin Chesmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:02AM.