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## LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL AGRICULTURE COUNCIL

February 16, 2023

### Members:

Chester:  
Clinton: Richard Martin  
Cromwell:  
Deep River Ron Larson  
Durham: Warren Herzig  
East Haddam:  
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Haddam: John Halfinger  
Killingworth: Walter Adametz  
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Middlefield:  
Middletown: Rebecca Isaacson  
Old Lyme:  
Old Saybrook:  
Portland: Alan Fenrow  
Westbrook: -----

### Staff:

Janice Ehle/Meyer

### Guests:

Jake Ricker  
Roselyn Reeps

### Meeting

The meeting was a Zoom call and in person and virtual at the UConn Extension Center,  
Haddam, CT.

### 1) Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by John Halfinger at 7:45. A motion was made by Warren Herzig and seconded by Alan Fenrow to accept the minutes from the January 19, 2023, meeting. Motion approved.

## 2) Public Comments/Presentations

-Roselyn Reeps spoke about disposing of food waste. She asked if farmers could take food waste to compost or to feed animals. A discussion followed. A suggestion was made to compost at Parmelee Farm in Killingworth.

286 tons of food waste was calculated for Killingworth. Killingworth can save \$24,000 by taking out food waste from the waste stream.

-Roselyn is going to look into what restrictions the State has for food composting.

-There was a discussion about digesters.

## 3) RAC Board

RAC Board members needed.

Cromwell

East Haddam

East Hampton

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## 4) Website

A. Dec 19 – Jan 17 48 site sessions 28 unique visitors 8m 47s. A little more than last month.

## 5) Farm Viability Grant

A. Trailer – is on its way. Will need it by March 2<sup>nd</sup> for meeting.

- Richard Martin will call Rand.

B. Equipment Day- John Halfinger will talk. NRCS and AFT to speak. Will have a break. Jay Zimmerman will talk about the drill. Will DellaCamera to talk and UConn to talk. Finally, Ali Rose Grabarz to talk about DoAg.

- A suggestion was made to take drill off trailer to see it better. Walt has offered his roll off.

- Richard has a truck to bring.

## 6) CEDS Grant

- A. Healthy PlanEat has the revised grant, and their lawyers are reviewing it.
- B. Healthy PlanEat will be delivering to customers via the Post Office.

**7) Lyme P&Z –**

- The letter that was written for Lyme P&Z.
- Gateway will also be looking at the Lyme regulations.

**8) Old Business –**

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**9) New Business –**

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**10) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:08.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Ehle/Meyer

Speaker at next meeting;  
Tim Cook