



**TOWN OF WINDSOR
TOWN COUNCIL
HYBRID MEETING
JUNE 3, 2024
PUBLIC HEARING**

APPROVED MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Mayor Black-Burke.

Present: Mayor Nuchette Black-Burke, Deputy Mayor Darleen Klase, Councilor Mary Armstrong, Councilor Ronald Eleveld, Councilor Kristin Gluck Hoffman, Councilor Ojala Naeem, Councilor William Pelkey, Councilor Leroy Smith, and Councilor Lenworth Walker

Mayor Black-Burke read aloud the notice of the public hearing to hear public comment on:

- Applications for participation in the Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit program
- Proposed change to the Plan of Conservation and Development's future land use plan related to 5T and 105 Birchwood Road

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Davis, (address not given), stated he is pleased to be here to represent his brother Mike Davis who is the owner of 15 and 105 Birchwood Road and he and his wife who are the owners of 3 Birchwood Road. These adjoining parcels make a parcel of 24 acres of land which is currently a 'cut your own' Christmas tree farm. We are asking Windsor to approve our Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) amendment. The change is to 5T and 105 Birchwood Road from open space and low density residential respectively to agriculture in the future land use plan as a first step with the town and other entities to preserve Birchwood farms as permanent agriculture. This amendment meets the goals of the POCD to maintain sufficient natural area in agricultural open space to help preserve the town's heritage and maintain a balanced life that our residents expect. An application has been submitted to the CT Farmland preservation program. Originally, in the preservation program, you had to have about 35 acres to qualify. Now there is a program for smaller farms like theirs that are under 35 acres. With this change to the plan, it will help them to facilitate their efforts to preserve the farm. He's also chairman of the Windsor Land Trust. The Windsor Land Trust supports any effort to preserve open space and especially farmland here in Windsor. So this is just a change to the future use of this land. It will help us combine the whole farm to all agriculture. We don't want to put a road down the middle of it. We want to preserve it and this is the first step going forward to help us achieve that goal of



preserving the farm forever. He hopes the town wants to work with them. A lot of residents have been very supportive of this proposal. They are glad to see farmland expanding. As part of the Windsor Land Trust, he is thrilled to see something switching from residential to agriculture as normally it goes the other way.

3) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Black-Burke declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helene Albert
Recording Secretary