BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, July 8, 2019
Town Hall – Meeting Hall

SELECTMEN PRESENT:  Lori Spielman, James Prichard, David Stavens, Ronald Stomberg, John Turner, Melinda Ferry

SELECTMEN ABSENT:  Sarah Cook

OTHERS PRESENT:  Timothy Webb, Public Works Director/WPCA Administrator; Lisa Houlihan, Town Planner; Dustin Huguenin, Recreation Director; Joy Hollister, Human Services Director; Sgt. Brian Santa, Resident State Troopers’ Supervisor; Susan Phillips; Director, Hall Memorial Library; Gregory White, Finance Officer/Treasurer; Felicia LaPlante, Assistant Finance Officer; Peter Hany, President, Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps (EVAC); Bob Smith, Deputy Fire Chief, Ellington Volunteer Fire Department; Brent Moser, Ann Harford, Tom Palshaw, Aaron Foster, Jaime Foster, Peg Busse, Seth Bahler, Tom Boscarino, Joanne Tedford, Dennis Varney, Jackie Nappo, Bill

PUBLIC HEARING: RIGHT TO FARM ORDINANCE

First Selectman Lori Spielman opened the public hearing at 7:00 P.M. and read the following legal notice:

The Town of Ellington will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 8, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time, at the Town Hall Meeting Hall, 55 Main Street, Ellington, CT for the purpose of allowing citizens to comment upon the following:

- Right to Farm Ordinance

The proposed new Ordinance is available for review in the Town Clerk’s Office, First Selectman’s Office and on the Town website at ellington-ct.gov.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Dated at Ellington, Connecticut, this 26th day of June, 2019.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Lori L. Spielman, First Selectman
*Published in the Journal Inquirer: June 28, 2019*

Ms. Spielman asked for public comments.

Peg Busse, 37 Abbott Road, asked if this process is just window dressing or does this give farmers something more than they already have with State statute.

Ms. Spielman said that this is a confirmation of State statute regarding farming.

Seth Bahler, Oakridge Dairy, said that he spoke with Farm Bureau today and they are encouraging Towns to adopt Right to Farm Ordinances as it is another security to keep agriculture in the Town. There is the State statute that covers the entire state, but it's a great thing to have in the Town as well.

Hearing no further comments, Ms. Spielman closed the public hearing at 7:03 P.M.

Submitted by [Signature] LouAnn Cannella
Recording Secretary

Approved by [Signature] Lori Spielman
First Selectman