



July 17, 2025

Waterford Planning and Zoning Commission
c/o Mark Wujtewicz, Planner
Waterford Town Hall
Fifteen Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

RE: Review of Proposed Zoning Text Amendments for Sections 1, 3.41, and 6.1.2 – Farming and Agricultural Tourism Uses

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for referring the above-referenced proposed zoning text amendments for our review and comment. The proposed amendments relate to the zoning regulations governing farming and agricultural tourism uses within the community and their associated activities. Acting as the Commissioner's staff, our office has reviewed the proposed zoning text amendments for consistency with the policies and standards of the Connecticut Coastal Management Act (CCMA), and we have found them to be consistent.

Please be advised that this consistency determination is based on coastal management considerations only and does not necessarily reflect other municipal planning and zoning considerations that may apply. These comments are made in response to the review requirement contained in Section 22a-104(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes, which requires that notification be sent to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection at least 35 days prior to the commencement of the public hearing. Once notified, our office is responsible for reviewing the proposal's consistency with the policies of Section 22a-92 and the criteria of Section 22a-102(b) of the CCMA. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (860) 424-3779 or by email at karen.michaels@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: Waterford Coastal File – Proposed Zoning Text Amendments: Local Application - PL-25-10