

Griswold, North Stonington, Preston, Sterling and Voluntown Farmers

Agricultural Forum Agenda

Saturday, March 11th 2023, 10 AM to 12 PM

Ekonk Community Grange, 723 Ekonk Hill Rd, Sterling, CT 06377

Times are approximate:

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Networking
10:15 AM – 10:20 AM	Introductions of Selectmen, Legislators and Agencies <i>By the Chair of the Ekonk Community Grange</i>
10:20 AM – 10:40 AM	Presentation by Keynote Speaker, <i>SeCTer, Paul Whitescarver, Executive Director</i>
10:40 AM - 11:10 AM	Brief Remarks from Legislators and Agencies <i>Approximately 3 minutes each for updates on programs, bills etc</i> <i>Connecticut Farm Bureau, Joan Nichols, Executive Director</i> <i>Department of Agriculture, Bryan Hurlburt, Commissioner or Staff Representative</i> <i>USDA, Farm Service Agency, Sarah Kubik, Norwich County Executive Director, Melanie Exley, Loan Officer</i> <i>U.S. Congressman Joe Courtney</i> <i>State Senator Heather Somers</i> <i>State Representative Anne Dauphinais</i> <i>State Representative Greg Howard</i> <i>State Representative Brian Lanoue</i>
11:10 AM – 11:30 AM	Questions and Answers <i>Moderator</i>
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Break out Sessions <i>Each agency and legislator will have an area for discussions and to share information, provide materials and/or handouts</i>
12:00 PM	Open Forum, Conclusion of Event