

Town of Lunenburg

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
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Matthew Allison, Chair
Ryan Stober, Vice-Chair
Greg Burns, Clerk
Jorge Marzuca, Member
Maryrae Holman, Member
Kira McClellan, Alternate
Stephanie Schofield, Alternate

Farmers Market Managers:
Yanina Fusaro
Mike Fontaine

Meeting Minutes **AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION** **September 17, 2020** **Zoom Meeting**

Present: M. Allison, R. Stober, J. Marzuca, M. Holman, K. McClellan
Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Public Comment/Open Discussion: none

Reorganization: R. Stober nominated M. Allison for chair, J. Marzuca 2nd. Roll call, all aye.
J. Marzuca nominated R. Stober for vice-chair, M. Holman 2nd. Roll call, all aye.
R. Stober nominated J. Marzuca for clerk, M. Holman 2nd. Roll call, all aye.

- Farmers Market report: M. Allison, official bathroom keeper, reported market is going very well. There were 19 vendors for last 3 weeks.
- Economic Development Comm. appointment was discussed. R. Stober asked if the Select Board had even mentioned it. M. Allison responded not to his knowledge.
- BrightFarms application was discussed. Discussion was had on the potential impact to local farmers.
- Letter to town officials, RE: farm complaints. M. Holmans draft was reviewed and discussion had on who to send it to. R. Stober moved to approve the letter, J. Marzuca 2nd. Roll call, all aye.
- Draft a flyer: M. Holman suggested single sheet, tri-fold with map of farms on one side.
- Farm inspections: Discussion included protocol for farm/ barn inspections, backyard chickens and coops, farm/animal complaints, animal control officer (ACO), livestock vs. pets, field driver and pound keeper appointments.
- Lanni Orchard request for infrastructure: Jerry Lanni had requested sewer extension from Sewer Commission, Select Board, Planning Board, and had reached out to AgCom for any assistance. Sewer service would significantly improve the ability for commercial agriculture on the 70 acres in Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR)
- Public market: Review of ability to have year round market space.
- Bylaw references to farm size: Review of 5ac vs. 2ac farm size requirement.
- AgCom holding land: Review of other commissions, discussion of what would be needed, and mention of current bid process of Town owned Ag fields.
- Farm map: Discussion on types of farms shown on map vs. farm listing.

Next meeting set for October 15, 2020.

R. Stober moved to adjourn, J. Marzuca 2nd. Roll call, all aye. Adjourned at 8:21pm.