

Town of Lunenburg

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
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Matthew Allison, Chair
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Jennifer Duffy, Clerk
Jorge Marzuca, Member
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Kira McClellan, Alternate
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Meeting Minutes
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
February 16, 2023
Ritter Memorial Building
960 Massachusetts Ave

Agricultural Commission Members and Attendance

Function	Name	Attendant
Chair	Matthew Allison	✓
Vice-Chair	Maryrae Holman	✓
Clerk	Jennifer Duffy	✓
Member	Jorge Marzuca	✓
Member	Vacancy	
Alternate	Kira McClellan	
Alternate	Vacancy	
Market Manager	Mike Fontaine	✓
Public	Ryan Boudreau	✓

Agenda:

No.	Topic	Notes
1	Call to Order	Meeting Commencement Time: 7:05pm
2	Public Comment/Open Discussion	Low Places Ranch obtained license to sell chicks. Will be offering chicks this spring
3	Farm complaints	A. Boudreau has a neighbor who has expressed displeasure with a rooster's crowing. Located in district A.
4	Review/Approve Minutes	Jen made a motion to approve the minutes from the following meetings: Jan 19, 2023 Maryrae seconded Commission unanimously approved
5	Farmers market update -Seasonal	Facebook Survey preferred Sundays 10am-1pm Maryrae and Jen to start contacting vendors

		Farmers' Market Application is complete and ready for vendors
6	New Business:	
	Town Caucus and Town meeting warrant	Discussion to add to goals aligning town and state farm acreage requirements
	Resignations and vacancies	One member vacancy must be filled by someone who is involved in agriculture as a primary source of income. One alternate vacancy does not require primary involvement in agriculture.
	Review tote bag design	Cotton bags with print screening to be decided at future meeting
	Outreach for market manager(s) and/or farm vendors	Ask Select Board to advertise openings for market managers
7	Unfinished Business:	
	Review and approve 2023 AgCom goals	Jen made a motion to approve the agricultural commission goals presented on Jan 19, 2023 Maryrae seconded Commission unanimously approved Agricultural Commission 2023 Goals: 1. Hold 10 meetings of the agricultural commission during the 2023 calendar year 2. Review and approve all meeting minutes by the end of the following meeting 3. Present to the Select Board and drive a town meeting article to align town farm acreage requirements with the state farm acreage requirements 4. Raise awareness for Lunenburg agriculture on available grants, eligibility, and how to apply 5. Sign up 10 vendors Lunenburg Farmers' Market 6. Support community members pursuit of agriculture 7. Mediate, advocate, educate, and/or negotiate farming issues
	Lufa Farms, New interest in Brightfarm permit/location	No new information
	AgCom holding land	No new information
	Discussion on existing regulations for farms and farming in Lunenburg	No new information
	Community gardens	No new information
	Farm inspections	No new information
	Hats, t-shirts, bags, marketing for AgCom & market	No new information
	Bylaw references to farm size –Town meeting article	No new information
	Map of Lunenburg Farms	No new information
8	Committee reports: Economic Development Comm., Planning Board, Building reuse	No new information

9	Public Comment/Open Discussion	No public comment
10	Set Next Meeting Date	Maryrae made a motion to move the next meeting to Wednesday, March 15th Jen seconded Commission unanimously approved March 22, 2023 7:00pm
11	Adjourn	Meeting Adjournment Time: Jen Motion to adjourn; Jorge seconds. Commission unanimously approved 9:19pm