

# Town of Lunenburg

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION  
P.O. Box 135  
Lunenburg, MA 01462-0135



Matthew Allison, Chair  
Maryrae Holman, Vice-Chair  
Jennifer Duffy, Clerk  
Jorge Marzuca, Member  
Vacancy, Member  
Kira McClellan, Alternate  
Vacancy, Alternate

Meeting Minutes  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION  
March 22, 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          |           |
| Public     | Jackie Chabot    | ✓         |
| Public     | Ashley York      | ✓         |
| Public     | Daniella Marquez | ✓         |

Agenda:

| No. | Topic                           | Notes                                                                                                                                       |
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| 1   | Call to Order                   | Meeting Commencement Time: 7:11 pm                                                                                                          |
| 2   | Public Comment/Open Discussion  | No public comment.                                                                                                                          |
| 3   | Farm complaints                 | No complaints                                                                                                                               |
| 4   | Review/Approve Minutes          | Maryrae made a motion to approve the minutes from the following meetings: Feb 16, 2023<br>Jorge seconded<br>Commission unanimously approved |
| 5   | Farmers market update -Seasonal | Applications received will be reviewed at next meeting for approval for Farmers' Market.                                                    |
| 6   | New Business:                   |                                                                                                                                             |

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|    | Application and interest in vacancies                                         | <p>Ashley works at Sholan Farm and is interested in encouraging sustainability and interested in joining the agricultural commission.</p> <p>Jackie owns In the Meadow Farm and prioritizes educating people about alpacas and farming and is interested in joining the agricultural commission.</p> <p>Interested people should submit Talent Bank form if they haven't already and the Select Board will make an appointment.</p> <p>Maryrae nominates Jackie Chabot to the position of full member vacancy; seconded by Jen. Commission unanimously approved.</p> <p>Maryrae nominates Ashley York to the position of alternate member vacancy; seconded by Jorge. Commission unanimously approved.</p> <p>Agricultural commission will provide recommendations to the Select Board.</p> |
|    | Outreach for market manager(s) and/or farm vendors                            | Agricultural commission will manage the Farmers' Market. Additional meetings to be held during Farmers' Market season as needed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 7  | Unfinished Business:                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|    | Tote bag design                                                               | Maryrae makes a motion to purchase 100 bags for the Farmers' Market. Jorge seconded. Commission unanimously approved.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|    | 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 | Planning Board: Interviewed 3 applicants for master planning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 9  | Public Comment/Open Discussion                                                | No public comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 10 | Set Next Meeting Date                                                         | <p>Maryrae made a motion to move the next meeting to April 13, 7:00pm</p> <p>Jen seconded</p> <p>Commission unanimously approved</p> <p>April 13, 2023 7:00pm</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 11 | Adjourn                                                                       | <p>Meeting Adjournment Time: Maryrae Motion to adjourn; Jorge seconds. Commission unanimously approved</p> <p>8:48pm</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |