

MINUTES, OS Committee meeting of April 27, 2012

Attendees: M. Benson, R. Verge, J. Carrier, B. Kibbe, R. Brockelman, S. Jordan

Also in attendance: Jim Lattanzi

Following the successful kickoff of the Agricultural Commission and RTF initiative, the OS Committee agreed to provide the new group with samples of documents from other towns' right to farm bylaw, and to facilitate initial communications for those who signed up to join the working committee. The OS committee also agreed to draft a flyer announcing the initiative for the Annual Town Meeting (this was completed by S. Jordan and distributed at Town Meeting). The OS committee will also extend an invitation to Gary Howland of the NWRA to advise the working committee.

The working committee will be responsible for recommendations on how to establish the Ag Comm and a proposed RTF bylaw, for review and approval by the OS committee, and then submission to the Town Meeting warrant.

Wording of the Town Meeting flyer:

Are you a Lunenburg Farmer? Is Lunenburg's agricultural heritage important to you?

If you value our farms, the Open Space Advisory Committee and the Conservation Commission invite you to join the conversation about.....

**A Right-to-Farm Bylaw and an Agricultural Commission**  
to Protect Farmers And Encourage Agriculture

Bylaw: Protects Farmers from Nuisance Complaints  
Agricultural Commission: Provides a Local Voice for Farmers

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