

# Town of Lunenburg

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**  
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## **AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION** **July 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

The second meeting of the Lunenburg Agricultural Commission convened on the steps of the Ritter Memorial Building, thankfully under benevolent skies. All members were present. No members of the public attended.

General discussion followed reading and approval of minutes from June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Obtaining a hard copy of the Right to Farm By-law draft for discussion at the next meeting was stated as a priority.

The Chairman summarized his attendance at the recent Conservation Committee meeting with discussion of pending APR applications and Building Department oversight. Other subjects included extension of leases of town land and criteria for consideration in addition to bidding. The Agricultural Commission's potential advisory role was considered.

Expanding the public awareness and increasing the popularity of the Farmer's Market was discussed. Ideas put forth included the creation of an Agricultural Commission web-site and/or Facebook page. A directory of local producers and their products and availability was suggested as a way to connect the public to products when the Farmer's Market is not in session. Acquiring potential grant money for EBT readers was suggested as a way to provide convenience to consumers. Ways of encouraging a wider variety of products were also considered.

The Chairman informed the commission that Karin Menard has been appointed liaison from the Finance Committee and that Matt Allison has been appointed liaison from the Planning Board.

Members concluded that gathering information from other communities' Agricultural Commissions, Farmer's Markets, Right-to-Farm bylaws, and other pertinent bodies and By-laws would be beneficial to consider as the commission moves forward. The potential for inviting guest speakers to future Agricultural Commission meetings was also considered.

The third meeting was scheduled for August 15, 2013 at 7:00 pm at (or inside) The Ritter Building (if the Chairman is able to procure keys...) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey L. Mendoza