

Town of Lunenburg

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
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Commission Members:

Jennifer Duffy, Chair
Maryrae Holman, Vice-Chair
Jackie Chabot, Clerk
Kathy Dugan, Member
Ryan Stober, Member
Kira McClellan, Alternate
Vacancy, Alternate

NOTICE OF MEETING
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
7:00 PM Monday, August 4, 2025
Lunenburg Public Library, Sudolnik Conference Room
1023 Massachusetts Avenue, Lunenburg

MEETING MINUTES

Agricultural Commission Members and Attendance

Function	Name	Attendant
Chair	Jennifer Duffy	✓
Vice-Chair	Maryrae Holman	✓
Clerk	Jackie Chabot	
Member	Kathy Dugan	✓
Member	Ryan Stober	✓
Alternate	Kira McClellan	✓
Alternate	Kim Muzzi	✓
Public	Kerri Mitton	✓

Agenda:

No.	Topic	Notes
1	Call to Order	Meeting Commencement Time: 7:06 pm
2	Public Comment	None
3	Announcements	None
4	Review/Approve Minutes	Kathy made a motion to approve the minutes from the following meetings: July 9. 2025. Maryrae seconded. Commission unanimously approved.
5	New Business:	
	Re-organization	Ryan made a motion to maintain the current positions within the AgComm of Chair as Jen Duffy, Vice Chair as Maryrae, and Clerk as Jackie. Kathy seconded. Commission unanimously approved.
	USDA Update	None

	MDAR Update	None
6	Current Business:	
	Land Management/Maintenance MDAR/NRCS - Jen APR - Kathy Mass Farmland Action Plan - Jackie/Kira/Ryan Other towns management - Maryrae	APR - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can apply to put land into APR with minimum of 5 acres Must be actively farmed for at least past two years Soil testing is performed If approved, the agreement is with the state for ROFR if you sell, but landowner is paid difference in market value and ag land value Lower taxes Land cannot be developed even after sale Buyer needs to be approved by MDAR. Buyer needs to have a business plan Land sold in two lots, one for the house and one for the ag land. The house and land do not need to be sold to the same buyer, but they can be. Difficult to buy just the house unless the state is buying the land. When approved for APR, the lot is divided into two lots, one for the house and one for the APR land. APR has to make money \$500/ first 5 acres, and \$5 additional per additional acre
	Master Plan Steering Committee Agriculture Items	Waiting on list to review from Master Plan Steering Committee. Will share when received.
	Lunenburg Farmers' Market - Review vendor list and applications received to date	<p>Reviewed applications for the following vendors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peace Farm <p>Maryrae makes a motion to approve the following vendors: Peace Farm. Kathy seconded. Commission unanimously approved.</p> <p>Discussed how Lunenburg Farmers' Market differs from other markets like Acton where there is a large volunteer base, SNAP/EBT market wide programs, music performers get market cash, location, community population.</p> <p>Proposed survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What types of vendors are you looking for? Food trucks? Activities? Petting zoo? Educational display? <p>FM/AgFair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kathy to look into additional vendors - Smiths Country Cheese, Buzz and Thrive, Aaronap Cellars, Sage Food/food truck <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lions Club TBD additional Hayrides Tractors

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal Chip Bingo • Wheelhouse • 4H - Maryrae • Ice Cream Truck
	Community Garden - Develop ideas and procedures	None
	Membership	None
	Agricultural Commission Facebook Page	Post about AgFair
	Agricultural Commission Mailing List	Put sign up list for ag comm emails at LPR, TFE, and FM ag comm booth
7	Committee Reports	None
8	Farming Issues	None
9	Upcoming Meetings/Events Schedule	
	7:00 pm August 25, 2025 – FM/Ag Fair Meeting	Lunenburg Public Library, Wallace Community Room
	7:00 pm September 8, 2025	Ritter Building, Upstairs Ritter Building Room
	6:30 pm September 22, 2025	Lunenburg Public Library, Sudolnik Conference Room
	6:30 pm October 20, 2025	Lunenburg Public Library, Sudolnik Conference Room
10	Public Comment	None.
11	Adjourn	Meeting Adjournment Time: Kathy made a motion to adjourn; Ryan seconds. Commission unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm