

Town of Lunenburg

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
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Yanina Fusaro
Mike Fontaine

Meeting Minutes **AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION** **February 17, 2022** **Zoom Meeting**

Present: M. Allison, R. Stober, K. McClellan, M. Fontaine, Thomas Jordan, Sharon Jordan
Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

General discussion: K. McClellan gave an update on the avian flu.

M. Fontaine updated the commission on the upcoming market. Due to time constraints the members present felt it appropriate to allow the market managers to publish an updated digital application that we can finalize and approve at our next meeting.

The chair announced receipt of a new talent bank form and introduced Thomas Jordan. He and his wife keep horses at 77 Burrage Street, loves the rural nature and wants to give back to the Town.

Discussion on expanding membership from 5 to 7 members was focused on the increase from 3 to 4 members for a quorum. As numerous meetings recently had not been held due to not having quorum, members felt we should move the issue to old business.

Discussion on existing regulations focused on the letter prepared by the commission last year asking for clarification. The chair emailed the letter May 2021 to the Building Commissioner, Animal Control officer, Administrator for the BOS and Town Manager, chair of the BOS, the Town Manager, Administrator for the BOH, chair of the BOH and the Police Chief. No response has been received to date.

M. Fontaine rejoined us with new information on the market. The proposed changes were much more involved than initially reported. Members present requested the management team poll vendors on the changes and report back at our next meeting.

Sharon Jordan, 77 Burrage Street, asked about the status of the Open Space Plan and farms, specifically, what is a farm? M. Allison gave his understanding of the activity of farming, which is protected by right-to-farm, versus a parcel of land called a farm enrolled in chapter 61.

Next meeting set for March 17, 2022.

R. Stober moved to adjourn, K. McClellan 2nd. Rollcall, all aye. Adjourned at 8:01pm.