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### **1. Review of Agricultural Action Plan – Mr. Jim Lattanzi**

a. BOS appointments to Agricultural Commission are scheduled for June 1, 2013 (Note: appointees were confirmed as: Jim Lattanzi, G. Stillman, D. McMillan, J. Mendoza & R. Trakimas).

b. The Agricultural Commission will report to the Conservation Commission, which must approve Agricultural Commission recommendations before implementation. Items which require Planning Board approval will be brought by the Conservation Commission to the Planning Board.

b. Priority agenda items for Mr. Lattanzi are as follows. He will draft a report for the Open Space Committee's review.

1. Establish the Agricultural Commission
2. Draft the Right To Farm Bylaw for Conservation Commission review and approval in time for next Town Meeting, hopefully Special TM this fall; the Conservation Commission will submit the bylaw to the BOS for their warrant approval. Note: the Conservation Commission intends to place the Pleasant St. regrading project on the Town Meeting agenda adjacent to the RTF Bylaw, as both are in support of the Open Space Plan.
3. Improve management processes for town lands now in agricultural use, specifically related to bid processes standardization, fairness & monitoring; primarily for Woodruff Farm, Hunting Hill and Pleasant St. hayfields.

### **2. Recreational Trails Program Update**

Mr. Kibbe provided a status on the trail mapping project which is under the direction of the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission. He has created a draft of the Clark Hill walking trail and has met with the DPW to discuss bikeways in the town.

### **3. Open Space Plan Priorities**

a. As discussed at the meeting, we have met or have in progress several goals as established the OS Plan Five-Year Action Plan. Specifically, the Agricultural Commission and Right to Farm bylaw support our #1 objective "Keep Lunenburg's Farms Viable," and is in fact two years ahead of schedule. The trail mapping effort supports Goal 2, "Improve Community Awareness," and is on schedule.

b. Several of our objectives are intended to further the review and acquisition of open space that meet our criteria as properties of conservation interest, and position us to take advantage of matching grant opportunities, which the Open Space Plan now makes us eligible for. Given resource constraints, we prioritized our action items for the coming year:

- the creation of a Forest Stewardship Plan (Goal 2.C.1, 2.D.2)
- the Pleasant St. re-grading project (Goal 2.D)
- implement a tracking process for Chapter 61 properties (Goal 1.B.1)
- identify properties of the highest open space resource value with the Conservation Commission, and develop landowner dialogue guidelines and tools regarding the benefits of APR/CR programs and donations to protect farmland and open space (Meets Goals 1.B.3, 1.B.4, 2.C.1 & 2.D.3)