



**Minutes from the Agricultural Commission Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 2013, 7:30 PM
Town Hall Conference Room A**

Meeting called to order: 7:40PM

Present: Irv Silverman, Lori Cochran-Dougall, Laurel Fedor

Absent: Victor Alfandre, Sal Gilbertie

Review of previous minutes: Jean Stetz-Puchalski called for a motion to approve the minutes. Lori Cochran-Dougall, second by Laurel Fedor, approved unanimously.

Right to Farm ordinance submitted as an agenda item for an upcoming Board of Selectmen meeting. Notes: What needs to happen to approve Right to Farm Ordinance?

- 1) Create language for the ordinance (completed)
- 2) Gain feedback from farmers and land use boards (continues)
- 3) Gain BOS approval of a final draft (pending)
- 4) Approval by BOS and Voted in at Town Meeting (pending)

Discussed Filling in vacancy on Agricultural Commission. Will recommend both farmers and non-farmers fill vacancy.

Farming Initiative on Town Land and SSES RFP update: Existing language fine with the necessary date change and addition of a term of lease. "The terms of this lease will be for three years with an additional two year option to be exercised by the farmer." Term approved by the Selectman at October 2013 BOS meeting as previously noted. Discussed necessity to update lease agreement to include soil maintenance provision and problem solving clause.

New business:

Invitation to Free Ag Workshop -- *How Your Town Can Support New & Beginning Farmers: Understanding Challenges, Finding Resources* Thursday, November 21, 2013 - 6:30 to 9 pm - Canterbury Community Center, Canterbury, CT

<http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1109101767803-54/112113AGvocateworkshop.pdf>

Public comment: None

Motion to Adjourn: 8:30 p.m. Unanimous.

Minutes taken by Lori Cochran-Dougall, Submitted by Victor Alfandre