

Agriculture Commission Minutes
27 October 2025
Meeting House

Call to order by Chairman Stevens at 6:35pm

Members present: Josh Marshall, Jill McCullough, Mark Stevens, Daimon Meeh, Eric Glines, and BOS representative Calvin Todd

Alternates present: Katie Archer

Members absent and excused: Corrinne Pullen

Guests: Kal McKay

Chairman Stevens determined that a quorum was present, then asked and appointed alternate Katie Archer to serve as a full voting member replacing Corinne Pullen for this meeting only.

A picture of the members was taken by a Historical Society representative for 2025 records.

Zoom room was opened when the meeting was called to order. No attendees or members of the public joined virtually.

- Status of members
 - Craig Pullen's window for signing back up to continue as a member for a subsequent term has expired.
 - Nicole Glines' term is completed as an alternate and Mark has sent her a message asking if she would consider continuing for another term.
 - Katie Archer will need to sign her oath of office
- Confirm Email addresses
 - Kal is present to help member with .Gov email address problems and all members must start using the email addresses.
- Vacancies
 - There is a full member vacancy. Mark asked Katie Archer to consider becoming a full member. She said she would get back to him.
- Approval of the minutes of 25 August 2025
 - Josh moved Jill seconded, no discussion, unanimously approved.
- Treasurer report/ Proposed Budget for 2026
 - It was recommended to Josh to request a small increase in the budget to cover the expense of the annual fee for the members' required .Gov email accounts.
 - Mark mentioned that Ken Folsom recommended that the Ag Comm ask for \$500 so that there is a little bit extra for incidental expenses needed. Daimon moved, Josh seconded. No discussion approved unanimously.
- Farmer's Market Liaison Report
 - Smaller market in terms of vendors this year but the vendors were happy with sales and turnout.
 - Looking forward to upcoming winter markets
- Updates from the Chair:
 - Mark attended the All Chairmans meeting with BOS and reported back on new procedures for Right To Know, Code of Conduct, and Minutes record keeping.
 - A home was found for the hand crank hay baler.

- Members need to take the Right To Know and Code of Conduct training in order to be in compliance. Let Kal know when you have completed the training.
- Request for list of “farms” in town and Update Ag Comm maps
 - Lots of discussion of what this list should include or look like. Resulted in the decision to send out a survey to collect farm and food business information for those in town. Josh is going to pull together a draft questionnaire and share with the members of the commission for feedback.
- Annual Report
 - Mark will work on the annual report due at year’s end. Any suggestions are welcome.
- Status of Tricentennial Trees
 - Mark has been busy collecting seeds from trees. He asked who would like some and he gave out seeds to members to help start.
 - Mike Bertolone said that he would donate some money for supplies.
- New Business
 - Daimon brought up that new developments can cause disruptions in surface and shallow ground water flow. This can impact the usability of agricultural fields because there is often little consideration for the water once it crosses the property line off of the newly developed lot. His question was, does the Ag Commission want to develop this concern a little bit more and bring it up with the planning board or selectmen as an issue that warrants consideration? Discussion was not taken any further at this time, but will revisit at future meetings.
- Old Business
 - None
- Date, time, place for next meeting, tentatively set to be in Meeting House sometime in March of 2026 following Town Meeting, or at the call of the Chairman.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Daimon Meeh