

Agricultural Commission Minutes 01-21-2019

Town of Bolton Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

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A meeting of the Bolton Agricultural Commission was held on January 21st at the Houghton Bldg. The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm. Commission members in attendance: Teresa Sauer, Gentry Ferrell & Conor Nagle. Temperature on the 1st floor of the Houghton Building: 36 degrees F. Temperature on the 2nd floor of the Houghton Building: 40 degrees F. Adjourned 7:31pm.

1. November & December 2018 minutes approved
2. Budget discussed/drafted
3. Membership
 - a. Still need members, Reta Ruppge has been in touch with Chair as possible member
 - b. Commission discussed sending recruitment letters to livestock owners in town
 - c. Farmers Beyond Borders organizing for another farm tour for part of central MA.
4. Discussed new state law that allows Agricultural Commissions to own land.
 - a. Town by-laws would need to be updated, need to review language for towns who have already done this

Managing and Protecting our Farms, Forests, and Open Spaces: A Workshop Series

1. Land Protection Success Stories

Saturday 1/26/19 from 10 am to 12 pm

- Learn from and chat with other local landowners about options for taking care of and protecting land.
- Guest speakers Walter Bickford of the Berlin Conservation Commission and Christa Collins of Sudbury Valley Trustees.
- Pie and coffee will be provided.
- To be held Saturday January 26, 2019 from 10 am to 12 pm at the Houghton Building, 697 Main Street in Bolton, Massachusetts. Snow date February 2, 2019 from 12 pm to 2 pm (note new time) at the Houghton Building.