

# Town of Lunenburg

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**  
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**Jeffrey Mendoza, Chairman**  
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**Maureen Dupuis, Clerk**  
**Douglas MacMillan, Member**  
**Renee Trakimas, Member**

## **AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION** **May 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Posted: Yes  
Place: Ritter Building  
Time: 7:00 P.M.

Present: J. Mendoza, G. Stillman, R. Trakimas

Minutes Approval: Motion to approve made by G. Stillman. Second by J. Mendoza. April 16, 2015  
Minutes approved.

To start the meeting, the Commission was joined by Lunenburg resident Gary Burton and supporter Troy Daniels. Mr. Burton and Mr. Harry Kubetz reside at 125 Howard Street. Mr. Burton approached the Commission with a complaint against their neighbors, the Jacobson Farm, located at 189 Howard Street. Over the last several months, there was a host of incidents where animals, owned by Arthur and Donna Jacobson, had escaped and came onto the Burton/Kubetz property and caused damages to the lawn, garden beds, and driveway. Mr. Burton also enclosed photos of the damages. Mr. Burton also provided the commission with copies of police reports outlining some of the most recent incidents. In an attempt to remedy the situation, the Jacobsons erected a fence in order to keep the animals out of the Burton/Kubetz property. However, it was reported to the commission by Mr. Burton, that the fence was not strong enough to keep the animals out, and also, the fence was installed on the Burton/Kubetz property, and not the Jacobson's property. Mr. Burton also provided the commission with reports from Lunenburg Fence Viewer Robert Bowen. In those reports, Mr. Bowen outlines the need for a fence to be installed between the two properties. Also, he confirms that the fence installed is not adequate, and that it has, in fact, been put on the Burton/Kubetz property, and not on the Jacobson's property.

Chairman Mendoza offered mediation for both parties to take place before the Agricultural Commission. Mr. Daniels asked if the Commission would observe the Jacobson's farm and issue an opinion on this matter. Such an observation would require permission from the Jacobsons. Instead, Mr. Burton has offered the commission access to view the damages and illegal fence from his property at 125 Howard Street. Chairman Mendoza said that they would view the matter from the Burton/Kubetz property, and then form an opinion on the matter. Chairman Mendoza also offered to contact Massachusetts Farm Bureau for further guidance, and also offered to reach out to the Jacobsons to invite them to mediation in front of the Commission.

In regards to the Farmers' Market, the position of market manager was discussed. Instead of trying to solicit, interview and choose a market manager in a short time, an interim manager was suggested. M. Dupuis could act as an on-site manager and Chairman Mendoza would serve as the administrative market manager. G. Stillman made a motion to adopt this interim dual management system. R. Trakimas seconded the motion and it was approved. Chairman Mendoza also offered to comprise a musician schedule for the market season

Chairman Mendoza and M. Dupuis attended the Board of Health Meeting, in regards to the Farmers' Market matters. They were referred to direct Farmers' Market matters to the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health.

A Farmers' Market Workshop was scheduled for June 4, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Ritter Building. The purpose is to discuss the addition of vendors as well as a possible relocation of the Market to the Lunenburg Public Library. An invitation will be extended to the Library Trustees to attend the workshop.

The Right to Farm signage design submitted by R. Trakimas was approved and given to a graphic designer for further design.

The next Agricultural Commission meeting was scheduled for June 18, 2015.

Motion to adjourn was made by G. Stillman and seconded by R. Trakimas.

Respectfully submitted,  
Garrett Stillman