

MANSFIELD AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
APPROVED Minutes of December 6, 2011 meeting
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B, 7:30 p.m.

1. Chairman Al Cyr called the meeting to order at 7:35.

PRESENT: Al Cyr, Charlie Galgowski, Vicky Wetherell, Meredith Poehlitz, Kathleen Paterson, Ed Wazer, Jennifer Kaufman (staff)

2. Minutes of the November 1, 2011 meeting were approved.

Old Business

3. *Draft Farmland Lease Memo* - Jennifer forwarded the committee's draft to the Farmland ConneCTions Service (project of the UConn Extension's Sustainable Food Systems program) for their review. The committee will consider the review comments before submitting it to the Town Council for review.

4. *Presentation on Municipal Agricultural Incentives* – The committee still needs data from Town staff before submitting the memo to the Town Council, possibly for their January 9 meeting. The committee will review the data at their January 3 meeting if it is available.

5. *Planning for Farmland Preservation* –The committee voted to go into executive session at 8:40 and to come out of executive session at 9:30. The committee's recommendations will be forwarded to the Open Space Preservation Committee.

6. *Announcements* – Committee members shared information about upcoming events. Jennifer reported on the AGvocate workshop on November 30.

7. The meeting adjourned at 9:35. The next meeting is on January 3.

Items for future agendas

Town Council memos

Farmland preservation