

MANSFIELD AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
APPROVED Minutes of May 1, 2012 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, Jennifer Kaufman (staff)

2. Minutes of the April 3 meeting were approved.

3. *Welcome visitors* – Madeline Priest spoke about the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Energy Challenge program.

Old Business

4. *Right to Farm and Tax Incentive Ordinances* – A Town Council ordinance subcommittee meeting is scheduled for May 5. Charlie will attend.

5. *Farmland Preservation Subcommittee Report* - The subcommittee reported on ongoing work on this project.

6. *PZC Referral – Proposed zoning regulation revision in Pleasant Valley*. The committee voted to not submit comments to PZC.

New Business

7. *Update on Open Space Action Plan* – The committee discussed next steps concerning potential protective easements on Town-owned agricultural fields. The committee will discuss potential benefits of Town-owned farmland at their next meeting.

8. *New Initiatives* – Follow-up to input session: newsletter to agriculture community with information about committee activities, grant opportunities, and possible farm visibility projects, such as farmer's breakfast and meet your local farmer events.

9. The meeting adjourned at 9:05. The next meeting is on June 5.