

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The mission of the Agricultural Commission is to preserve, revitalize and sustain the Lancaster agricultural industry and to promote agricultural-based economic opportunities.

The Commission shall develop a work plan to guide its activities. Such activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1 Shall serve as facilitators for encouraging the pursuit of agriculture in Lancaster
 - 2 Shall promote agricultural-based economic opportunities in the Town
 - 3 Shall act as advocates and educators on farming issues
 - 4 Shall work for preservation of prime agricultural lands
 - 5 Shall pursue all initiatives appropriate to creating a sustainable agricultural community
- The Agricultural Commission promoted/supported a successful Farmer's Market in 2015. The Agricultural Commission would like to thank Steve Piazza for his dedication and service to the Lancaster Farmer's Market for the 2015 season.
 - The Agricultural Commission coordinated and sponsored with the USDA an Avian Influenza meeting in Lancaster open to the public.
 - The Agricultural Commission assisted in developing a Farm to School Proposal, which has been obtained – as a three year grant in collaboration with World Farmers.
 - The Agricultural Commission's goal for 2016 is to continue to work on promoting Lancaster Agriculture and the Lancaster Farmer's Market.

The Agricultural Commission is a five-member appointed board with up to two alternate members. The members that were appointed are:

David Kilbourn, *Chair*

Peter Jakubowicz, *Vice-Chair*

Susan Miner, *Clerk/Treasurer*

Eric Jakubowicz

Maria Moreira

The Agricultural Commission meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Thayer Memorial Library. All citizens are welcome to join the Board for these meetings and public involvement is always encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,

David Kilbourn, *Chair*

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