

Belchertown Agricultural Commission
Meeting summary September 18, 2007



Present: J Clements, H Guardenier, G Adzima, J Guillan

Guest: D Beaudette

Absent: W Shattuck, S Gay, A Page, R Reidy

Dan and Grace will present the recommendations for the Agricultural Bylaws to the Planning Board on September 25th. These include adopting the Mass definition of agriculture, allowing a portable saw mill to operate in any zone. and allowing commercial greenhouses, sugar houses and smoke houses in more zones.

We reviewed an article outlining New Hampshire's Ag Friendly Planning regulations as a starting reference point. Discussed signage and getting highway department signs to designate farming areas. We will further explore buffer requirements for land usage adjacent to farm land.

In other business, we will put our Farm Brochures with the Agricultural Exhibits at the Town Fair. Will consider a winter lecture presentation for town horse owners.

Summary by Grace Adzima