

MANSFIELD AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
APPROVED Minutes of October 4, 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, Wes Bell, Jennifer Kaufman (staff)

2. Minutes of the August 2, 2011, meeting were approved (no quorum at the September meeting).

Old Business

3. *Agricultural Leasing Policy, Revised Lease and Revised Reporting Form* - The committee made a final review of these items and voted to send the updated version to the Town Council for consideration.

New Business

4. *Presentation on Municipal Agricultural Incentives* – The committee discussed the items and format for this presentation. Jennifer will draft a summary for the committee’s review at the next meeting.

5. *AGvocate Phase 4* – Jennifer informed the committee about the focus of the next grant application, which will be a pilot program to look for opportunities to promote the leasing of farmland to farmers.

6. *Farmland Preservation* –The committee began discussing options and will review farmland maps at the next meeting.

7. The meeting adjourned at 9:00. The next meeting is on October 4.

Items for future agendas

Town Council presentation

Farmland preservation