

Minutes Durham Agriculture Commission
7:00pm Town Hall 2nd Floor May 19th 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Chair Randy McLean

Roll Call: Bob Miller, Jessica Augur, Melissa Dziurgot, Matt Dziurgot, Susan Cummings, Hillary Lisowski Miller, Warren Herzig all present.

Seating of Alternates: None seated

Me. Dziurgot made motion to approve the agenda as written, 2nd by B. Miller. All Aye agenda approved unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes from April meeting as written made by Me. Dziurgot., 2nd by B. Miller, all aye, one abstaining (J. Augur)

No Old Business

New Business: Town signatures for enhancement grant submitted to State of Ct and Letter of Agreement both received by J. Augur on behalf of Commission to begin printing and design work for the Durham Farm Map as of May 15th, 2026. Chairman McLean asking for J. Augur to follow up with State of CT Grant Coordinator Alison Grabarz on purchase order, specifically timing on when that will be received. Chairman McLean also asking J. Augur to find clarification on volunteer hours at 29.00 hour counting toward the in-kind cash match portion of the grant funding as described in the Letter of Agreement Training Presentation (shared with the commission) via email and listed on the State of Ct Ag Enhancement website. Continued discussion on \$1300 budget and the potentiality to submit an invoice for half of their fee before mid-June. Chair McLean to reach out to Finance Director on questions pertaining to budget items for map funding portion and will report back to commission.

J. Augur read the list of updated properties who are confirmed, along with a few respondents yet to submit final map information, suggestions on Maplewood Farms, Hermitage Farm, Greyledge Farm, and picture from Starlight gardens (if photo submitted was their Durham or Middlefield location.) J. Augur in agreement to reach out to properties. Ma Dziurgot. suggested Whites Farm and communicated he would reach out to property owners on participation/ interest as a landmark property.

S. Cummings updated commission on printing design along with picture placements, map details and indicators, Durham Agriculture Commission logo, and QR code for the Durham Farm Map. Commission members agreed on logo for Durham Agriculture Commission which will be featured on the map. S. Cummings in agreement to reach out to Franks printing on sizing options and costs associated with a potential larger format.

Discussion on QR code, links to the town hosted website, and the digital format of the map enabling full synopsis from each property and live links to their products indicated there in one place. Chair McLean noted he would reach out to the Town Clerks office for guidance. H.Lisowski-Miller noted that the Durham Agriculture Commission (member portion) on the town's website remains outdated, and Chair McLean stated he could notify the Town Clerks office to add her as a full ranking member.

W.Herzig asked the commission if there were updates on the Durham Farmer's Market.

Discussion on postings seen on social media that informal calls had gone to commissions and town committees to take on the charge of volunteer Market Master, or gauge interest

with no takers (as of yet). Instead, communications indicate potential “pop up” farmers' markets may take place in lieu of the designated market, as it were.

Motion to Adjourn made by H. Losowski-Miller, 2nd by Me. Dziurgot all aye, meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm