



How-to Establish a Local Agricultural Commission

Local Agricultural Commissions are being established across New Hampshire to protect agricultural lands, preserve rural character, provide a voice for farmers, and encourage agriculture-based businesses. Per NH RSA674:44-3, municipalities may establish an Agricultural Commission, “for the proper recognition, promotion, enhancement, encouragement, use, management, and protection of agriculture and agricultural resources, tangible or intangible, that are valued for their economic, aesthetic, cultural, historic, or community significance within their natural, built, or cultural contexts.”

Join us for an in-depth discussion on how-to establish an Agricultural Commission, the duties of a Commission, and an explanation of grant funds available to assist in establishing or sustaining an Agricultural Commission. Workshop leaders include Nada Haddad of UNH Cooperative Extension, Erick Sawtelle of the Lee Agricultural Commission, Dick Wollmar of the North Hampton Agricultural Commission, George Malette of the Weare Agricultural Commission, John Lastowka of the Merrimack Agricultural Commission, and Theresa Walker of the Rockingham Planning Commission. Lorraine Merrill, Commissioner of the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food, will join us at the start of the workshop.

When: Tuesday, March 16th, 2010 (Snow date is March 17th)
5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, refreshments provided

Where: Hilton Auditorium
Rockingham County Nursing Home
117 North Road, Brentwood, NH



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