

## **Auburn Agriculture and Natural Resource Protection Ad Hoc Committee**

**AGENDA**  
**May 3, 2018**  
**6:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

### **Welcome and introductions**

**Purpose of Meeting:** Completion of Steering Committee responsibilities and next steps

### **Review of Minutes**

### **Selected key points and agreements from previous meetings**

- Strategic goals for Auburn should include strengthening the agriculture and natural resource economies. Any changes to the AGRP zone must recognize the overall importance of that goal.
- Market is a necessity for any ag business.
- Open space and the rural character of the community are highly valued.
- Land Values are established by real estate market sales.
- Voted to recommend to Council that Auburn create an Agriculture Committee/Commission/ or Board. Many Maine (and other New England) communities are creating updated agriculture-friendly zoning and Agriculture Commissions (or standing Committees).

### **Public Comments and Open Discussion**

### **Committee Action Items**

1. Additional recommendations to be voted on?
  - Specific additional uses be permitted in the AGRP zone, based on our feedback to the list on April 1?
  - Alternatives to 50% income rule and 10 acre rule

- Review Consultants' recommendations
- Review Committee discussion from March 1
- Other alternatives for discussion?

2. Next steps?

- More meetings of Ad Hoc committee to continue discussions?
- Review Consultants' FINAL Report before submission to Council
- Prepare cover letter from Ad Hoc Committee to Council
- Share Consultants' report with other community groups and organizations?

3. Additional information related to recommendation to form new Agriculture Committee/Commission/Board?

**8:30**

**Wrap Up**