

Auburn Agriculture and Natural Resource Protection Ad Hoc Committee

AGENDA
April 19, 2018
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Welcome and introductions

Purpose of Meeting:

- 1. Ready to recommend to Council the formation of an Agriculture Committee or Commission?**
- 2. Ready to vote to recommend to Council that specific additional uses be permitted in the AGRP zone, based on our feedback to the list provided by Eric at the last meeting?**
- 3. Further discussion on alternatives to the 50% income rule and 10 acre rule.**
- 4. Next steps for this Ad Hoc Committee?**

Community Conversations?

Additional progress possible on difficult topics, or refer them to a new Agriculture Committee or Commission?

Review of Minutes

Selected key points and agreements from previous meetings

- Any changes to the AGRP zone must recognize the overall need to strengthen the agriculture and natural resource economies in Auburn.**
- 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.**
- Many Maine communities are creating updated agriculture-friendly zoning and Agriculture Commissions (or standing Committees).**

Committee Action Items

- 1. Vote to recommend to Council the formation of an Agriculture Committee or Commission?**
- 2. Vote to recommend to Council that specific additional uses be permitted in the AGRP zone, based on our feedback to the list provided by Eric at the last meeting?**

Committee and Public Discussion

- 1. Alternatives to 50% income rule and 10 acre rule—**
 - Review Committee discussion from March 1**
 - Review Consultants' recommendations**
 - Discuss**
- 2. Are we ready to confirm “if then” and policy outcomes from consultant recommendations**
- 3. Next steps—**
 - More meetings of Ad Hoc committee to continue discussions?**
 - Schedule next visit of Ken Meter?**
 - Community conversations with all AGRP zone property owners and abutters?**

8:30 Wrap Up