



AGENDA

Agriculture Committee

Regular Meeting: January 26, 2021 –5:30PM

Meeting held remotely

1. **WELCOME:**

2. **MINUTES:** Review and approve December 29, 2020 meeting minutes

3. **Comp Plan:**

- Review Dave's draft proposal from Ag Committee and sample comprehensive plans from other Maine municipalities.

- Update on Comp Plan Review Committee progress.

4. **City Council order:** review actions taken and next steps

- a. *(Kathy)* Inventory current commercial farm and value-added production in Auburn
- b. Formulate a plan for increasing local and regional market opportunities
- c. *(Katie)* Create a local/regional awareness campaign for Auburn's food and fuel products
- d. *(Katie/GSFB)* Calculate the long- and short-term food needs of Auburn residents
- e. *(Katie/HA)* Assess local food systems impacts from COVID and projected shortages/disruptions in food access
- f. Investigate and provide recommendations on zoning and economic incentives needed to attract commercial infrastructure including: storage, refrigeration, processing, or any other type of food infrastructure.
- g. Propose zoning amendments that would facilitate, with minimal conflict, subsistence and commercial agriculture production in all non-ARP zones

5. **Housing Discussion:** Update on housing development efforts in Auburn

6. **Confirm next meeting:** Tuesday, February 23rd 5:30 PM

7. **Future possible agenda items:**

- Historical review of recent Agriculture committees (Crossroads, MAG-ARP) and learnings
- Agenda and planning for legislative meeting (TBD, after January)
- Maine Farm to Institution (MEFTI) presentation to Committee
- Craft a vision for agriculture in Auburn and share with community
- Educational Offerings from the AG Committee

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

9. **MISCELLANEOUS:**

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**