



City of Auburn, Maine

Conservation Commission

60 Court Street | Auburn, Maine 04210

www.auburnmaine.gov | 207.333.6601

October 28, 2019

To the Planning Board, City Council, and others it may concern,

The Conservation Commission has reviewed the proposed Agriculture Committee ordinance language and provides the following recommendations.

Our first recommendation is that the proposed committee should be comprised entirely of Auburn residents, as is the precedent that has been set with other Auburn committees.

Our second recommendation is that the Agriculture Committee should be formed prior to any changes made to the AGRP ordinance, which we also stated in our final recommendation on the proposed ordinance changes back on July 2, 2019. We feel this is necessary to provide continuity in the conversations currently taking place, and to ensure that the committee has the opportunity to weigh in on proposed changes to the AGRP ordinance as it is directly related to their proposed purpose and duties.

The proposed committee's tasks should include reviewing appeals of landowners wanting to build homes in the AGRP zone and for other special exceptions/uses, in coordination with the Conservation Commission, then provide a recommendation to the planning board. The Conservation Commission views this as an essential task of the proposed committee.

Lastly, we would like to see included in the language clear direction on the process for consulting with the Conservation Commission to avoid a lapse in communication.

The Conservation Commission appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the language for the proposed Agriculture Committee ordinance and looks forward to continued collaboration with the Planning Board, City Council, and other committees.

Respectfully,

Jordan Tate , Conservation Commission Chair