

**Lanesborough Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2009**  
**Attendees: Members - Prudy Barton, Pete Gallant Alternates - Darlene Newton, Aimee Thayer**

The meeting opened at 7:08 p.m. in the Planning Board Room at the Lanesborough Town Hall.

1. **Minutes** - Members reviewed and accepted the minutes of November 6, 2008 and December 8, 2008
2. **Town Meeting Warrant Article** - Special town meeting scheduled for January 13 at 7:00 at Lanesborough School. The AgCom article is on the warrant. Members were encouraged to attend.
3. **Dairy Farm Revitalization Act** - Aimee gave an update on the Mass Dept. of Ag. Implementation of the tax credit process which was part of the Act and other provisions of the legislation.
4. **Survey** - Prudy will send the narrative to Aimee who will post it to the AgCom web page.
5. **Ag Commission Conference** - members discussed the state Ag Commission conference. Pete and Darlene may attend.
6. **Ag in the Classroom** - Prudy will be attending February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Members decided to research providing bean seeds and peat pots to the 238 students of Lanesborough School in the spring. Pete will research seed sources.
7. **4H** - on the back burner pending input from Marv
8. **Rabies Clinic** - Girl Scouts have volunteered to do marketing for Rabies Clinic for badges. Prudy said the Town garage was O.K. and Keith Beebe will do a one hour clinic from 5-6 on a Monday or Wednesday. We will shoot for March 16<sup>th</sup> 5 to 6 p.m.
9. **Local Business Support** - members discussed different types of support we might give to local businesses featuring local ag products.

**Adjournment and next meetings**

Members confirmed the possibility of another meeting in January to prep for the Rabies clinic. Prudy will have Pete ask the town clerk to post it if necessary. Members reconfirmed the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday regular meeting time so the next regular meeting would be February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m..