

## Lanesborough Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes – September 4, 2008

**Attendees: members - Prudy Barton, Marv Michalak**  
**alternates - Darlene Newton, Aimee Thayer**

The meeting opened at 7:24 p.m. in the Planning Board Room at the Lanesborough Town Hall.

1. **Minutes** - Members reviewed and accepted the minutes of June 5, 2008
2. **Town Meeting Warrant Article** - Pete was to follow up on this and we'll discuss it if necessary at the next meeting.
3. **A Narrative description of Survey results**, drafted by Prudy was reviewed by the Commission. Members agreed on distribution of the narrative to other town boards for informational purposes.
4. **Open Space Plan** - Aimee reviewed items in the town's Open Space Plan that were to be addressed by the Agricultural Commission, some of which were already done.
5. **Ag in the Classroom** - members discussed various potential Ag projects for Lanesborough School including a composting project and the logistics of other possible projects.
6. **Green Pastures** - In discussing a wish list for a possible grant application, members reviewed some promotional ideas such as a newsletter and ads in local papers. Members reported on the outcome of asking some of the farmers and Ag businesses in town how the Agricultural Commission could help with marketing. The suggestion of a want ad website was a result of that question. Prudy reported that one of the businesses in town suggested the idea of setting up a website similar to the one the New England Heritage Breed Association used to have listing agricultural equipment, services, products and livestock for sale locally. Members agreed this had some merit and would possibly be something to pursue in the event we can drum up some money, grant funded or otherwise. Information on the cost of setting up the site and maintaining it needs to be gathered.
7. **Rabies Clinic** - Prudy and Aimee said they would contact the Animal inspector to start the ball rolling on a rabies clinic fund raiser for next March.

### Adjournment and next meetings

Members confirmed their next meeting for October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00. A motion was passed to adjourn at 9:07 p.m.