

Portsmouth Agriculture Committee

October 30, 2013, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Portsmouth Town Hall, 2200 East Main Road

MINUTES

- Welcome new Committee Members
- Request Committee Officer appointment
Slate of Committee Officers:
Chair – Anne Fiore
Vice Chair – Steve Cotta
Secretary – Sanne Kure-Jensen
- Review/request approval of past minutes

OLD BUSINESS

- Status Update/Brief of Agricultural component of Portsmouth's Comprehensive Plan
- Status Update/Brief of USDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) and its impact on family farms
- Status Update/Brief of RI Agricultural Partnership projects including their Agricultural Guidelines and their upgraded website
- Status Update/Brief of current farmer projects in Portsmouth and on Aquidneck Island

NEW BUSINESS

- Status Update/Brief of Events of interest to farmers and growers:
 - Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers (ASCFG) Business School, URI Bay Campus, Nov. 3 & 4
 - Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Training, URI, Nov. 20
 - Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (SARE) Farmer Grants available – submission deadline Dec. 2
 - RI Nursery & Landscape 2014 Winter Conference, URI, Jan. 16-17, 2014
 - Northeast Organic Farming Association Winter Conferences, in 7 northeast states, Jan. – Mar. 2014
- Status Update/Brief of Pesticide disposal opportunity, RIDOT Garage, 122 Wyatt Road, Middletown, Nov. 7, 9 am – 1 pm
- Request to approve future meeting schedule:
Final Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. monthly **OR** alternate months
- Request for future agenda items

ADJOURN

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