

Portsmouth Agricultural Advisory Committee

April 27,2016, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Portsmouth Town Hall, 2200 East Main Road

The Portsmouth Room 2nd floor

AGENDA

Call to order 6:00pm

- Welcome new members
- Elect new officers

OLD BUSINESS

- Discuss the Agriculture section of the Portsmouth Comprehensive program re-write, using attachment A as a guide for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion about education and agriculture promotions
- Discuss reviewing the bylaws
- Discuss meeting schedules

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ATTACHMENT A:

7. PLANNING FOR AGRICULTURE

- 7.1 Identify valuable agricultural soils on a map.
- 7.2 Include an inventory of significant agricultural operations by identifying:
 - a. The locations and types of active agricultural operations; and
 - b. Farm lands that have been protected from development, even if currently idle.
- 7.3 Assess the role of agriculture as part of the municipality's existing types and patterns of economic activity by describing:
 - a. The scale of the agricultural sector in the community, including supporting uses such as processing centers, distribution centers, etc.; and
 - b. The overall trend in the agricultural sector, for example expanding, contracting, diversifying, etc.
- 7.4 Discuss the opportunities that exist within the community to further support agriculture relative to capacity, access and partnerships.
- 7.5 Include goals that embody the State's goals for agriculture and policies to support each goal.
- 7.6 Include implementation actions within the Implementation Program that address:
 - a. Preserving the best farmland for agricultural use;
 - b. Keeping active farms in agricultural use and promoting the active use of idle agricultural land;
 - c. Expanding the agricultural sector; and
 - d. Capitalizing on the existing agricultural opportunities.