

Portsmouth Agricultural Advisory Committee Agenda

October 5, 2016, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Portsmouth Town Hall, 2200 East Main Road

Planning Board Room, First floor

Old Business

- Nominate and elect committee officers
- Discuss reviewing the committee bylaws
- Discuss committee member commitment to the committee mission and bylaws
- Discuss agricultural education and agriculture promotional opportunities
- Discuss the Agriculture section of the Portsmouth Comprehensive Plan currently being re-written.
- Discuss local farm history and trends as input for comp plan
- Discuss meeting schedules

New Business

- Discuss potential agenda for next meeting

Next Meeting (*tentative date*): Sept 21, 6 pm and future third Wednesdays of each month at the Portsmouth Town Hall.

The public is welcome to any meeting of the town's boards or committees. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captions) is needed or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please contact The Town Clerk's office at (401) 683-2101 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting.

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Agriculture-related Training, Webinars, Conferences & Special Events

- Topsfield Fair, Sept. 30 – Oct. 10, Topsfield, MA topsfieldfair.org
- Eco-tour: Ecological Landscape Maintenance Techniques at Mass Audubon, Oct. 4, Belmont, MA ecolandscaping.org/events
- 2016 Radical Mycology Convergence! Oct. 6 – 10, Wingdale, NY radicalmycologyconvergence.wordpress.com
- Growing and Harvesting Medicinal Roots, Oct. 9, Rain date, Oct. 16, [Farmacy Herbs](http://FarmacyHerbs), West Greenwich, RI nofari.org/events/our-events
- Invasive Plants in Our Changing World: Learn from the Past, Prepare for the Future, Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG). Oct. 11, UConn, Storrs, CT cipwg.uconn.edu/2016-symposium
- UMass Extension's 2016 Green School: Turf Management, Landscape Management or Arboriculture, Oct. 24 – Dec. 12, Milford, MA ag.umass.edu/landscape/education/umass-extensions-green-school
- Farm-Based Education National Gathering, Nov. 4 – 6 Concord, MA farmbasededucation.org/#!/2016-gathering-1/mrix
- RI Climate Change Seminar, Nov. 5, URI, Kingston, RI eventbrite.com/e/plants-birds-and-storms-ri-climate-change-seminar-tickets-28016107933
- Northeast Greenhouse Conference and Expo, Nov. 9 – 10, Boxborough, MA negrighthouse.org
- NESAWG It Takes a Region Conference 2016, Nov. 10 – 12, Hartford, CT nesawg.org/our-work/conference
- Tools and Techniques to Manage Healthy Soil webinar, Nov. 16 ecolandscaping.org/events
- NOFA/RI Advanced Grower Seminar with Bryan O'Hara, Dec 4, SKLT Barn, Narragansett, RI nofari.org/events/our-events
- 2016 Young Farmers Conference, Dec. 8 – 9, Stone Barn Center, Pocantico Hills, NY virtualgrange.org/learn/young-farmers-conference
- Creating Ecological Plant Communities: Digging Deep into Plant Knowledge with The Masters, Dec. 9 [Brooklyn Botanic Gardens](http://BrooklynBotanicGardens), Brooklyn, NY ecolandscaping.org/events