

## Section 18 - Agricultural Commission

1. Purpose – The Agricultural Commission is created to promote, preserve, encourage and facilitate agricultural activities within the Town of Easton. The Commission’s activities include, but are not limited to the following:
  - a. Development of long and short range plans and strategies to facilitate, preserve, promote and encourage agriculture;
  - b. Actions as a mediator, facilitator, promoter, advocate, negotiator and educator for agricultural activities;
  - c. Promotion of preservation of prime agricultural lands and working farmlands;
  - d. Providing of advice to the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Community Preservation Committee and Historical Commission on projects and activities that involve or affect agriculture or agricultural lands within the Town;
  - e. Pursuit of initiatives, grants and other opportunities for assistance in the promotion, facilitation and encouragement of agricultural activities in the Town of Easton.
  
2. Composition – The Commission shall consist of seven members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Potential members shall demonstrate an interest in carrying out the Purpose of the Commission, as set forth above. In appointing the members of the Commission, the Selectmen may consider a candidate’s actual experience in agricultural activities. The term of office shall be three years, provided that appointments of the initial members of the Commission shall be as follows: three members for a term of three years; two members for a term of two years; and two members for a term of one year. Vacancies shall be filled based upon the unexpired term of the vacated position so as to maintain staggered terms. The Commission shall make recommendations to the Selectmen for the filling of any vacancy.