

MERRIMACK AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA

Matthew Thornton Room, East Wing

September 14, 2016

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

2. Comments from the press or public

New Business

- a) Summer Farmers' Market update
- b) Yard Signs for Farmers' Market
- c) Repairs to Farmers' Market Sign
- d) Plans for 2016/2017 Winter Farmers' Market
- e) Community Garden update
- f) 4-H Donation/Hillsborough Fair
- g) Letter from Shaelagh Nelson (attached)
- h) Flowers for Eber Currier
- i) Absenteeism
- j) UNH extension classes
- k) Bug alert
- l) Horse sense
- m) Treasurer's report
- n) Minutes: Review draft minutes from July 13, 2016

3. Comments from the press

4. Comments from the public

5. Comments from the Commission

6. Motion to Adjourn

Agricultural Committee:

My name is Shaelagh Nelson and I will be a freshman at the University of Vermont this year studying Environmental Science. The environmental science program prepares the student to explore the relationships between humans and their environment in a proactive manner. The student employs problem-solving methods, data-search strategies, analysis, evaluation, and prediction in her study of complex environmental issues. To me this major is important because I really care about the future and sustainability of the earth and its agriculture. 132 years ago the average buildup of horse waste was over a million pounds a month, the invention of the automobile greatly helped clean the streets of New York by eliminating the overwhelming amount of horse waste. Now there are thousands of automobiles polluting the atmosphere, this problem is not as disgusting but equally as harmful to the environment. With my major I hope to seek solutions to problems such as carbon emissions and global warming, some say there is no hope for the planet Earth but I hope one day to raise awareness to these issues and many more. Thank you for the help and the opportunity to work for the Farmers Market the past two years, it has greatly inspired me to pursue this major in the future.