

MERRIMACK AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA

Matthew Thornton Room, East Wing

January 11, 2017

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

1. Call to Order

2. Comments from the press or public

New Business

- a) 4-H Contribution overview – Jolee Chase
- b) Visit with Shaelagh Nelson
- c) Summer Market Update and parking lot issues
- d) Winter Market Update
- e) Direction for 2017, i.e. ideas
- f) Upcoming Workshops/Seminars – See Attached
- g) Bug alert
- h) Horse sense
- i) Treasurer's report
- j) History of Farming
- k) Minutes: Review draft minutes from December 14, 2016

3. Comments from the press

4. Comments from the public

5. Comments from the Commission

6. Motion to Adjourn

Upcoming Workshops/Seminars

- **January 17 and January 24** – Financial Management Workshop – 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; White Mtns. College, Littleton, NH
- **January 18** – NHLA/NHPGA & UNHCE Joint Winter Meeting – 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; Grappone Center, Concord, NH
- **January 19** – NH Farm Family Conference – How to Comply with Food Safety Modernization Act and Food Labeling Regulations; Holiday Inn, Concord, NH
- **January 20** – Communications Training with NE Dairy Promotion Board & NH Young Farmers – 6:30 p.m., NHFB Office, Concord, NH.
- **January 28** – NOFA Winter Conference, Rundlett Middle School, Concord, NH
- **January 28** – NH Horse Council Annual Membership Meeting – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Suncook Business Park, Allenstown, NH
- **February 1 and February 8** – Discovering your Best Markets for Sales – 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Mackey Loeb School of Communications, Manchester, NH
- **February 17 and 18** – Farm and Forest Expo, Radisson Hotel, Manchester, NH; see NHfarmandforestexpo.org for more details.
- **Labor Management Sessions** – Developing Leadership and Human Resource Management Skills; 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - **1/30, 2/6, 2/13 and 2/27** – Kilton Library, West Lebanon, NH
 - **1/31, 2/7, 2/14 and 2/28** – NH Urban Forestry Center, Portsmouth, NH
- **March 9, 16 and 23** – Annie's Project I – Managing for Today and Tomorrow, UNH Manchester, Manchester, NH
- **Meat Producers Focus Group** – All NH meat and poultry producers are invited to attend one of the following focus groups:
 - **1/12** – UNH Extension Office, Newport
 - **1/25** – Remick Farm, Tamworth
 - **1/26** – William Grimes Justice Building, Suite 301, Dover
- **2017 Winter/Spring Trainings for Pesticide Applicators** – Registration is now open for the UNH Cooperative Extensions winter/spring 2017 trainings for pesticide applicators. Consult the Pesticide Safety Education Program Website for further details.
- **Remick Museum & Farm** – There are many upcoming events at the farm in January. Check the remickmuseum.org website for details.