

**MERRIMACK AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**  
**MEETING AGENDA**

Matthew Thornton Room, East Wing

April 12, 2017

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

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Comments from the press or public**

**New Business**

- a) Summer Market Update
- b) Winter Market Update
- c) Community Garden Update
- d) Discussion of 4-H Donation
- 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 March 8, 2016

**3. Comments from the press**

**4. Comments from the public**

**5. Comments from the Commission**

**6. Motion to Adjourn**

## **Upcoming Workshops/Seminars**

### **Tree Fruit Grafting Workshops**

April 22, Goffstown – 9:30 am to noon – UNH Extension Office, 329 Mast Road, Special Fee \$20.00 – space is limited to 30 participants. (603) 351-3831 for registration information.

April 29, Lebanon – 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Poverty Lane Orchard, 98 Poverty Lane - Special Fee \$20.00 – space is limited to 30 participants. (603) 787-6944 for registration information.

**Gardening 101: Getting Down and Getting Dirty** – May 1 6:30 – 8:00 PM; Boscawen Municipal Complex, 116 North Main Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boscawen, NH

**New Hampshire Sheep & Wool Festival** – May 13 & 14 – Saturday 9am – 5pm & Sunday 9am – 4pm, Deerfield Fair Grounds, 32 Stage Road, Deerfield, NH

**Preventive Controls for Human Food** – May 2 – 4, 2017 – 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., New Hampshire Audubon McLance Center, 84 Silk Farm Road, Concord, NH

### **2017 Tree Fruit Twilight Meetings**

April 19 – 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Hazelton Orchards, 20 Harantis Lake Road, Chester, NH (PATS Credits Pending)

May 17 – 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Stone Mountain Farm, 522 Laconia Road, Belmont, NH (PATS Credits Pending)

June 14 – 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Kimball Fruit Farm, 184 Hollis Street, Pepperell, MA (PATS Credits Pending)

July 12 – 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Windy Ridge Orchard, 1775 Benton Road, North Haverhill, NH (PATS Credits Pending)

### **Fruit Pruning Events**

May 26 (Date Change) – 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m – Early season blueberry planning, Haynes Homestead, 172 Harvey Swell Road, Colebrook

April 17 – 3:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. – Pruning blueberries, Inkwell Farm, 106 Headding Road, Epping, NH

### **Presby EnviroFin Class Trainings-Spring 2017 Schedule**

Thursday April 13, 2017 - Littleton Masonic Lodge, 1262 St. Johnsbury Rd, Littleton, NH 03561. The training will start promptly at 9:00am and conclude at 1:00pm. Lunch and refreshments will be provided at the training site to maximize classroom time. Ample time will be provided during and after the training to answer questions as they arise. To sign up for the training please call Laurie at Presby Environmental, Inc [\(603\) 837-3826 x26](tel:6038373826) or email [laurie.blodgett@presbyeeco.com](mailto:laurie.blodgett@presbyeeco.com).

Friday April 21, 2017 – Elks Club, 290 Granite St, Manchester, NH 03103. The training will start promptly at 9:00am and conclude at 1:00pm. Refreshments will be provided at the training site to maximize classroom time. Ample time will be provided during and after the training to answer questions as they arise. To sign up for the training please call Larry at HD Supply [\(603\) 263-7350](tel:6032637350) or email [larry.carrier@hdsupply.com](mailto:larry.carrier@hdsupply.com)