

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The purpose of the Agricultural Commission shall be to support agricultural practices and other farming activities in the Town of Williamsburg. The duties of the Commission shall include, but not be limited to, the following: serve as facilitators to encourage and promote agricultural-based economic pursuits; act as mediator, advocate, educator, and/or negotiators on farming issues; work for the preservation of open land; advise the Town and all its Boards and Commissions, on agrarian issues and shall pursue all initiatives appropriate to encourage and promote agriculture pursuits.

The Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Board of Selectman, of which the majority of the membership shall be substantially engaged or experienced in the pursuit of agriculture. All members of the Commission must either be residents of the town, or owners and operators of agricultural property within the town.

There may be up to three alternates appointed to the Commission by the Selectman and will fill any vacancies at a meeting of the Commission.

The Board of Selectman is asked, in making appointments to the Commission, to specifically consider the intent of the Commission by appointing farmers or people strongly representing the agricultural interests of the town.

The terms will be as follows: Two members for a term of three years; two members for a term of two years and three thereafter; and one member for a term of one year and three years thereafter.

The Board of Selectman shall fill a vacancy based on the unexpired term of the vacancy in order to maintain the cycle of appointments, based upon the recommendations of the Commission.

The Commission shall elect annually a chairman from its own number and a clerk.