

Massachusetts Agricultural Commissions' Conference

Saturday, March 20, 2010

Student Center

Blue Room (first floor)

Worcester State College

486 Chandler Street

Worcester, MA 01602

Proposed Agenda

7:30am	Registration	
8:15 – 8:50 am	Welcome MA AgCom Association Steering Committee Opening Remarks: State of Massachusetts Agriculture Scott Soares, Commissioner MA Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR)	Blue Lounge
	Morning Workshops – Round 1	
9:00 – 10:30 am	I. Working Effectively with Your Board of Health & with Right to Farm Bylaws BOH authorities, laws, regulations affecting agriculture Protections under the Right to Farm ByLaw Jessica Burgess, MDAR, Legal Counsel Frank DiLuna, Murtha Cullina LLP	North Auditorium
	II. Working Effectively with Your Conservation Commission Agriculture and the Wetlands Protection Act Dan Lenthall, USDA-NRCS District Conservationist Sarah Hewins, Conservation Agent, Carver, MA	South Auditorium
	Morning Workshops – Round 2	
10:45 am-12:15pm	I. Working Effectively with Your Board of Health & with Right to Farm Bylaws BOH authorities, laws, regulations affecting agriculture Protections under the Right to Farm ByLaw Jessica Burgess, MDAR, Legal Counsel Frank DiLuna, Murtha Cullina LLP	North Auditorium
	II. Working Effectively with Your Conservation Commission Agriculture and the Wetlands Protection Act Dan Lenthall, USDA-NRCS District Conservationist Sarah Hewins, Conservation Agent, Carver, MA	South Auditorium
12:30-1:15pm	Lunch Deli Buffet	Blue Lounge
1:15-1:45 pm	Discuss: Proposed MA Association of Agricultural Commissions MA Assoc. of AgComs Steering Committee	Blue Lounge
	Afternoon Workshops	
2:00-3:00 pm	I. Achieving Greater Agricultural Self-Sufficiency “Agricultural Self Sufficiency on Martha’s Vineyard” Methodology & Conclusions Martha’s Vineyard Agricultural Alliance Jo-Ann Taylor, Martha’s Vineyard Commission Mark London, Martha’s Vineyard Commission	Blue Lounge
3:00 – 4:15 pm	Strategies for Connecting Farmers to Available Land Panel & Discussion: New Entry Land Matching Program, Jennifer Hashley, Director New Entry Sustainable Farming Project Farms Forever Program, Katie Cavanagh, Coordinator SEMAP Farms Forever Program Land Link, New England Small Farm Institute	
2:00 – 3:00 pm	II. Funding AgComs Paul LeBeau, Holliston Town Administrator	North Auditorium
3:15 – 4:30 pm	III. Conflict Resolution: Real Situations, AgCom Involvement & Outcomes Frank DiLuna, Murtha Cullina LLP Susan Guiducci, member Dartmouth AgCom	South Auditorium
4:30-5:30 pm	Social	Blue Lounge