

Town of Charlemont
Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2026

Members Present:

Randy Prostack, Melissa Griswold, Nate Bellows, Clare Pearson

Chair Nate Bellow called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm

Minutes of July 20, 2026 approved and submitted to the Town Clerk

1. Business Association Follow up: Nothing happening there.
2. Right to Farm Bylaw Review: trying to understand what really qualifies as a farm in Charlemont. We spent time reading the Right to Farm Bylaw and picked up necessary connections. Follow up questions include-how do we get a copy of the Right to Farm disclosure to as many Realtors so that the notice of Right to Farm get to all prospective buyers. Nate and Missy will ask Jeff Brisson for some help with this. We may reach out to our rep that replaces Natalie Blais in November. Are the notices even getting to people who are buying or selling land, and is the Select Board or Tax Collector received signed notices? Nate will ask Sarah if any of this has happened.
3. Need to amend the Disclosure notice to have a place for the signature and date at the bottom. Needs to include \$300 fine for not doing it-and add some big, colored flashy letters along the top. Nate will pass this info to Sarah.
4. Ag Com Responsibilities:
 - a) send out disclosure notice to all land owners
 - b) putting up signs on the way into town
 - c) promote the knowledge of right-to-farm
 - d) be ambassadors for connecting farmers to each other or the board to the farmers
 - e) can we host a pot-luck for all farmers/growers end of next summer
5. Do we want to put larger signs out on the roads/highway? Nate will check w/ Mass DOT to see if we can put larger signs out. Missy had the idea of

making Charlemont Right-to-Farm bumper stickers to give out to Charlemont farmers/growers.

6. Add survey discussion to the next meeting agenda

Meeting adjourned at 8:26

Next Meeting: Monday, October 19, 2026