

Meeting Minutes  
Durham Agricultural Commission  
August 12, 2024

Commission members present – Bryan Cassidy, Alberto Manalo, Ellen Karelitz, Anton Bekkerman, Dan Winans, John Carroll, Ray LaRoche, Dave Langley, Tom DeCapo, Theresa Walker

Commission members absent – Lee Alexander, Holly Philbrick, Curtis Springer

- I. New Business
  - A. Discussion with Sophie Goodwin, Sustainability Coordinator – Ms. Goodwin could not attend the meeting.
  - B. Minutes of the July meeting Bekkerman moved to accept the minutes. Manalo seconded the motion. The motion passed with Cassidy abstaining.
  - C. Correspondence – The group discussed drafting a memo to the Planning Board in opposition to the proposed workforce housing overlay district. Carroll will draft the memo for submission to the Planning Board and Langley, Cassidy, and Karelitz will attend the Planning Board meeting.
  - D. Finalize Farm Day plans – Signs and brochures were distributed.
  
- II. Old Business
  - A. Ag Comm Initiatives:
    - Resident Outreach – no update this month
    - Animal Capacity Estimator – no update this month
    - Bee Friendly Program – no update this month
    - Garden and Farm mentors – no update this month
    - Farmers’ Market – Walker said Durham market appears well attended.
  - B. Land Stewardship Subcommittee – no update this month
  - C. Community Gardens – Karelitz said all the gardens looks good
  
- III. Adjourn – Manalo moved to adjourn at 8:05pm. Carroll seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.