



MINUTES—Concord Ag Committee Meeting  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Verrill Farm Greenhouse  
11 Wheeler Rd., Concord MA. 01742

Attendees:

Brian Cramer—Hutchins Farm  
Dan Schmid—The Walden Woods Project  
Roseann Scimone—Scimone Farm  
Grace Scimone—Scimone Farm  
Steve Verrill—Verrill Farm  
Emily Wheeler  
Joe Rogers  
Mark Congdon—Gaining Ground  
Melissa Maxwell—Barrett’s Mill Farm

Meeting Called at 6:05 PM

Review Minutes:

Minor corrections made to December minutes, Dan moved to approve as amended, Stever seconded.

News about Concord Farms and Farmers:

Discussion about hunters at Barrett’s Mill Farm. Stone Soup gave a sizeable donation to the housing foundation for the Barrett’s Mill house project

Ag Committee submission to Town Report:

Brian will send photos with the report, photos including from Stone Soup, Ag Day, and the Ag Comm float from the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration.

Spring Forum:

Bob Gross will be the speaker. The forum will be held at the Concord Library. Grace will email Mary about who to ask if the Ag Committee can put up a small banner at the Emerson Field chain link fence to help with promotion.

Ag Committee letter to Concord Land Use Working Group:

This letter is in regard to the Peter Spring Field, formally labeled “C. Courtney Comeau Land” that is currently farmed by Hutchins Farm. Brian from Hutchins authored the letter detailing the benefits of keeping this parcel of land in agriculture. Saving the land is not just for Hutchins Farm’s benefit but also for the town of Concord’s rich farming history, as well as a primary habitat for the endangered Blanding’s turtle. Brian will send the letter to all the appropriate committees.

Housing Discussion:

Receiving the letter from the committee, Frank Feeley was surprised at the number of farmers that need housing, he is looking for more specific numbers. Dan will try to get more specific info and we will revisit next meeting.

Stone Soup RFP update:

Stone Soup has grant money available. Brian will contact Dudley about how to apply.

Other Business:

Emily sent Brian a letter from the Pollinator Committee regarding a workshop about farming on town land on 1/21/26

Steve said Kenney Land was purchased by the Town of Concord exclusively for farm use and we should be sure the records are accurate

Liza's term ends in March

Ag Day will be September 12, 2026

Stone Soup Dinner will be September 13, 2026 at the Verrill Farm Pavilion

Next meeting February 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM at Verrill Farm in the greenhouse

Dan motioned to adjourn, Joe seconded—meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM