

Dummerston Farmland Protection Committee

**Minutes**

March 23, 2016, 4:00 p.m. Walker Farm

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee Members:** Jack Manix, Chair; Read Miller, Vern Grubinger, Diana Lischer-Goodband (newly appointed member)

**Members of the Public:** Dummerston Farmers: Elizabeth, New Leaf CSA; Laura and Matt, Full Plate Farm, Dustin Manix

**Selectboard Representative:** Zeke Goodband, Chair

**ABSENT COMMITTEE MEMBER:** Nelson Jillson

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1. **Welcome Dummerston’s new farmers and introductions.** Jack Manix, Chair, welcomed new farmers and made introductions. Introduced Diana Lischer-Goodband as newly appointed member to the committee.
2. **Discussion of Farmland Protection Goals.** Committee goals established in 2013 were discussed: Town hayland assessment as a project of the committee; the committee’s role as a resource in supporting local farmers; developing town web presence;
3. **Ideas for future committee meetings.**  
The committee will meet by email to coordinate details for an August 6 community farm dinner to be held at Elysian Hills Farm, with the goal of rotating this annual event to other farms. There will also be a raffle of local farm products with proceeds from the raffle to go to the Farmland Protection Fund. The Farmland Committee will make a presentation at the dinner, and there will be a table for Dummerston farmers to display information about their farms. Jack, Vern and Diana volunteered to be the sub-committee coordinating the event.

Another committee meeting will be set in the fall.

4. Jack made a motion to adjourn and Vern seconded it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Lischer-Goodband  
Farmland Protection Committee Member