

Agricultural Commission Accomplishments

2009 – 2019

Agricultural Commission established by vote of Town Meeting	May 2009
Right to Farm Bylaw proposed and accepted by Town Meeting	May 2009
Periodic Agricultural Commission Newsletter started	May 2010
Established annual presence at Holden Days and Red Barn events	Aug 2010
Right to Farm signs designed, purchased, and installed at 10 major road entrances to Holden	Mar 2014
Community Garden Kick-off	Feb 2014
Farm Animal and Equipment Excise Tax eliminated	May 2014
Chapter 61 First Right of Review Process established	Mar 2015
Open Space Preservation Fund Established	May 2016
Formally opposed changes to Agricultural Composting regulations	Oct 2016
Educational Workshop/Seminar series established	Apr 2017
Past Workshop List--Below	
Agricultural Commission Re-established by accepting state statute	May 2017
Began support of Holden Farmer's Market	May 2018
Reversed Health Department fee increases on Famer's Market Vendors	Jan 2019
Farmer's Market banner purchased and used	Aug 2019

Holden Ag Comm Educational Workshops

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>
4/22/17	<i>Backyard Chickens: Social Behavior; Care, Feeding, & Trouble-Shooting</i>	Andrea Martin
9/23/17	<i>Intro to Backyard Goat Farming</i>	Jennifer Poirier
1/31/18	<i>Cooking with Herbs</i>	Rachel Ross
4/14/18	<i>Invasive Plants</i>	Kathryn Zichelle Sullivan
7/14/18	<i>The Buzz on Honey Bees</i>	Barbara McPhee
1/20/18	<i>Protect Your Land, Protect Your Legacy</i>	Rob Warren, George Dresser
2/2/19	<i>Pruning Fruit Trees</i>	Jon Clements
5/9/19	<i>Love Your Soil: Caring for the underground community that helps you grow</i>	Kate Gervais
8/28/19	<i>Food Preservation & Safety</i>	Heidi Cooper