



CITY OF FITCHBURG
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

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December 3rd, 2025

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ADVISOR

Janet Morrison

September 3rd, 2025
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Fitchburg Agricultural Commission was held in the 1st Floor West Meeting Room of the City Hall Building at 718 Main Street on September 3rd, 2025.

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Halstead at 6:38 P.M. and a roll call was taken; three Commissioners (Halstead, Iacopino, and Wheeler) and the Commission Advisor were present.

II. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Draft Minutes from the June 4th, 2025 Regular Meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved as drafted by unanimous vote. (Motion: Iacopino, Second: Wheeler)

III. TOPIC HIGHLIGHT: FARMLAND ACTION PLAN

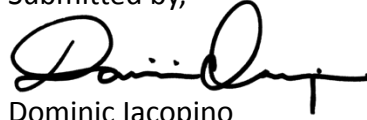
The Chair highlighted information about Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resource's (MDAR's) Farmland Action Plan on the Commission's municipal website. The Advisor conducted a reading of the Right to Farm state law, city bylaw, and then summarized the 2023-2050 MDAR Farmland Action Plan. The main goals stated:

1. Permanently protect more farmland, via conservation restriction (the Agricultural Preservation Restriction program was noted specifically).
2. Increase access to farmland (recommendations: review city land, state land suitable for agricultural purposes).
3. Support and enhance the viability of farm businesses.

By unanimous roll call vote the meeting adjourned at 6:51 P.M. (Motion: Iacopino, Second: Wheeler).

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for December 3rd, 2025.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dominic Iacopino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Dominic Iacopino
Agricultural Commission, Secretary