

Agricultural Committee Meeting December Minutes - January 5, 2026

In Attendance: *Franklin Agricultural Commission: Marian Szymanski , Benjamin Rousseau, Matt Stolz, and Jen Andersen Sweeney.*

Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Marian Szymanski

Acceptance of the Minutes: The Minutes from our November 2025 Meeting were unanimously accepted.

New Business:

A. 2026 Meeting With Town Administrator:

We agree that we would like to discuss the following topics with Franklin Town Administrator, Jamie Hellen:

1. Possible Agricultural Commission use of Schmidt's Farm land.
2. Making Franklin a, "Right-to-Farm" Town
3. Creating a Town Canning Center

Marian will contact Jamie's Office and set a date.

B. Tax Info for Owners of 5+ Acres:

The Commission agreed to explore the possibility of hosting an informational event for property owners of 5+ acres of land. The event would involve explanations and question and answers with members of the Franklin Agricultural Commission and the town of Franklin's Assessors Office. The event would be held live and on Zoom to make the information available to all of the large property owners. Invitations to this event would be sent on postcards.

Marian will coordinate with Town Assessors Office

Old Business:

A. Review the Preliminary Agricultural Commission Power Point Presentation:

The preliminary power point presentation was viewed and discussed by members of the Commission. Minor alterations were suggested.

B. Review the Information for the 2026 Ag Comm Brochure:

The photos and descriptive information from some of Franklin's farms were viewed by members of the Commission. Suggestions and comments were made. It was decided that Jen and Benjamin will put the final touches on the brochure materials before we sent it to the Town's GIS Office.

Meeting was adjourned: At 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted

Marian Szymanski-