

**Concord Agriculture Committee**  
Thursday, March 21st, 2019 8:30 pm  
Harvey Wheeler Community Center, 1276 Main St.

**Present:**

Brian Cramer, member  
Happy Goethert, chair  
Lise Holdorf, clerk  
Emily Wheeler, member  
George Carette, visitor, EcoQuiet Lawn Care

Meeting called to order at 8:30pm

**Spring Forum**

This year's Spring Forum "Cooking Concord-Grown" (held just before the meeting from 7 to 8pm at Harvey Wheeler) was a success. A panel of chefs and farmers from Newbury Court, Papa Razzi, Saltbox Kitchen and the Concord Cheese Shop spoke about why and how they use local ingredients, as well as some of the logistics involved in purchasing produce. There were about 50 people in the audience and CCTV filmed the event. Panelists spoke about their backgrounds and their experience with local food for about 40 minutes and then the audience asked questions.

**Affordable Housing Articles**

The Agriculture Committee agreed to recommend passing Articles 23-27 at Town Meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Lise will draft a statement to be read at Town Meeting about the importance of affordable housing to the farming community. She will circulate to Committee members, who should respond individually to Lise with feedback.

**Pollinator Committee Update**

Brian reported that the Pollinator Committee will have an informational handout that they will pass out outside of Town Meeting. The flyer will urge residents to check with landscapers and local farms about whether or not they use pollinator-friendly practices.

**Next Meeting**

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Assessor's Office

Meeting adjourned at 8:55

Minutes submitted by Lise Holdorf