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**Committee/Board/s** | Organizational meeting of the Agricultural Commission

**Day, Date, and Time** | Wednesday, December 3, 2025 2:00-3:00 pm

**Location / Address** | Nantucket Town Administration Building, 16 Broad Street  
REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM

**Signature of Chair or  
Authorized Person** | Posie Constable

**WARNING:** IF THERE IS NO QUORUM OF MEMBERS PRESENT, OR IF  
THE MEETING POSTING IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
OPEN MEETING LAW STATUTE, NO MEETING MAY BE  
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### AGENDA

Please list below the topics the chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting

#### ***ZOOM WEBINAR REGISTRATION LINK TO VIRTUALLY ATTEND MEETING:***

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86117995828>

#### ***I. CALL TO ORDER***

#### ***II. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA***

#### ***III. ANNOUNCEMENTS***

1. The Meeting is Being Audio and Video Recorded.

#### ***IV. UPDATE ON PUBLIC COMMENT QUESTIONS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS (see <https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/3564/> 2025)***

#### ***V. PUBLIC COMMENT\****

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS\*\***

### **1. Discussion of Locally Sourced Animal Protein Initiatives - Updates and Possible Votes**

- a. Update on new local sources of animal protein on Nantucket, including pigs being raised by local farmers Dylan, Tobias, and Ella.
- b. Update on locally raised pork products now available for sale through the Eat Fire Farm website, including discussion of how these products fit into broader local food system goals.
- c. Update on compost site located at 168 Hummock Pond Road and status of request to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for a formal exemption from registration for this compost site.
- d. Discussion of proposed training program for chicken farmers on Nantucket to learn proper on-farm slaughter techniques and obtain certification from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, including:
  - i. Use of the compost site at 168 Hummock Pond Road as a training location.
  - ii. Commencement of mobile poultry processing at the farm upon approval.
  - iii. Identification and development of additional sites on Nantucket for raising locally sourced meat birds.
- e. Update on the Deer Donation (Destruction) Program being implemented by the Nantucket Land Bank and Nourish Nantucket at the Boynton Lane site, including:
  - i. Status of required approvals from the Nantucket Board of Health.
  - ii. Anticipated process for accepting, processing, and distributing venison as a local protein source.
- f. Discussion and possible vote on ways the Nantucket Agricultural Committee may formally recognize and support local meat initiatives, including pigs, poultry, and venison, and any related outreach or public education.
- g. Discussion of potential future development of local dairy products on Nantucket, including possible production of goat milk and cheese by Ella or other local farmers.

### **2. Discussion of Biochar Production, Soil Amendments, and Local Compost Distribution - Possible Direction to Staff or Partners**

- a. Discussion of potential leasing or purchasing of a pyrolysis machine capable of producing biochar from local feedstock on Nantucket.
- b. Discussion of opportunities to blend locally produced biochar with island-sourced compost to create soil amendment products tailored to Nantucket's soils and agricultural needs.
- c. Discussion of strategy to engage island retail outlets, including Island Lumber and Marine

Home Center, and other potential vendors, to carry locally produced soil amendments instead of compost products shipped to Nantucket in plastic bags from off-island sources.

d. Discussion of possible ownership, operation, and maintenance models for a pyrolysis machine, including:

i. Identification of which entity or entities would purchase the machine.

ii. Identification of who would operate the machine.

iii. Siting considerations and storage requirements for biochar and blended soil amendment products.

e. Update on collaboration among the Nantucket Land Bank, Sustainable Nantucket, Nantucket Conservation Foundation, and other local partners working with American Farmland Trust on this project.

f. Discussion and possible vote on recommendations from the Nantucket Agricultural Committee regarding support for the biochar and compost collaboration, including potential letters of support, participation in planning, or other actions.

### **3. Discussion of Public Outreach and Communications Strategy - Town of Nantucket Communications Office**

a. Discussion of how to coordinate with the Town of Nantucket Communications Office to inform the public about locally sourced meat, dairy, and soil amendment initiatives.

b. Identification of key messages regarding local protein sources (pork, poultry, venison) and soil amendment projects (biochar and compost blends) for dissemination through official Town communication channels.

c. Discussion of potential communication tools, including Town website postings, social media, newsletters, press releases, and public service announcements.

d. Discussion of roles and responsibilities of the Nantucket Agricultural Committee, Town of Nantucket Communications Office, and partner organizations in preparing and reviewing outreach materials.

e. Discussion and possible vote on specific next steps for public outreach, including requests to the Town of Nantucket Communications Office for assistance with communication planning, design, and scheduling.

## ***VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

1. Approval of Minutes of 9/23/25 meeting.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

*\*Public Comment: please see attached Public Comment Policy which can also be found at <https://www.nantucket-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/51055/Public-Comment-Policy---Adopted-by-the-Select-Board-on-February-12-2025-PDF>.*

*\*\*New Business: Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting may be brought up for discussion in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.*