

Charlestown Agricultural Preservation Committee

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 7:00 PM
Regular Open Meeting / Town Hall
4540 South County Trail
Charlestown, RI 02813

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting began at 7:10

ROLL CALL: Noel Rowe, Mike Merner, Jane Durning, Karen Jarrett, Jodi Frank, Kim & Bill Coulter, Paula Orsini, and 2 students from URI

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Due to the canceled meeting of August 19th carried over the review and approval of minutes from the April 9th meeting; those were approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion of the Farm Day 2025, all farms participating had good reviews, and all who participated want this event to continue. It was discussed to keep the date in the same time frame August 2026.

NEW BUSINESS: Review and discussion of the Town Council's resolution creating the CAPC. We discussed maintaining the 3 members with 2 alternates, we would prefer to include active farms rather than including FFOS participants as a list of actual farms in town. We will need to contact Ken Swain the Tax Assessor, and see if we can get a list of only farms in town. We also discussed the CAPC website is outdated and will try to get that updated as soon as possible. Also discussed TC's proposal to use open space money appropriated by taxpayers to possibly fund the football field repairs and repairs to Ninigret park. As a group we decided that the TC should use the funds as the taxpayers had originally voted to use the funds, and they should not reappropriate the funds for other uses.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: No Correspondence has been received to date

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Noel and seconded by Mike to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted Jane Durning Secretary CAPC October 25, 2025