

From Town Bylaws
Chapter 63. Farming
Article 1 Right to Farm

63-5 Resolution of Disputes.

The Town hereby establishes an Agricultural Commission to serve as facilitator and advocate for encouraging the pursuit of farming and agriculture in Newbury, and to promote agricultural-based economic opportunities in the Town, which shall work with Town officials and boards to promote and protect agricultural interests. The Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, two members to be initially appointed for a term of three years, two members for a term of two years, and one member for a term of one year, all reappointments thereafter to be for a term on three years. Up to three alternates may be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for one year terms.

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, file a grievance with the Board of Selectmen, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or the Board of Health, depending on the nature of the grievance. The filing of a grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved person may have. The Board of Selectmen or Zoning Enforcement Officer shall forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the referring town officials. The Board of Health, except in cases of imminent danger or a public health risk, shall forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the Board of Health.