Warwick Agricultural Commission Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Report

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The Warwick Agricultural Commission met monthly and spent most of the year working with farmers and other interested parties on a Right to Farm Bylaw, which was presented to and was passed unanimously on May 3, 2010 by the Annual Town Meeting. The bylaw must be approved by the attorney general and then posted for 90 days to allow for appeal of its provisions. We thank the farmers who worked with us in developing the bylaw and the town meeting voters who unanimously supported it.

No complaints were filed with the Commission this year.

Pursuant to The Right to Farm Bylaw sections 4(a)(1) and 4(b):

Disclosure Notification

"It is the policy of this community to encourage the local production of food and other agricultural products and to conserve and protect farmland for its natural, scenic, and ecological value. This disclosure informs buyers or occupants that farming activities, including the raising and keeping of livestock, take place in the Town of Warwick and that such activities (which may occur on holidays, weekdays and weekends by night or day) may cause noise, dust and odors. Those occupying land in Warwick should expect and accept such conditions as a normal and necessary aspect of living in a rural town."