

NH Farm Network Open Forum
April 10th, 2023
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Olivia Saunders, Jesse Wright, Will Hastings, Kelly McAdam, Mary Choate, Heather Bryant, Heather Weeks, Zoe Eisenpress, Josh Marshall, Charlene Andersen, Colleen Stewart, Sarah Allen, Slavitza Demaine, Megan Chapman, Kelly Webb, Amy Papineau, Andrea Bye, Cameron Huftalen, Zachary Allen, Derek Ladd, Sarah McGraw, Mikayla Cerney

Shared Community Agreements for review via [Jamboard](#)

Break out room introductions: name, organization, what is your first sign of spring

Old news:

Review last meeting of grants/funding available

Colleen Stewart NH Food Alliance – organizing grant/funding information, annual grant opportunities document organized links, will add visual symbols for ease of use, living document open to feedback and additions, end goal is public facing document

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1n8FWffWtj8FlcdgmwyzfPd7rB4VlvXXqS6BUU_xlf1U/edit?usp=sharing

New news:

Break out room conversations:

-How does your work build resiliency in our NH farming community? -Share around when you're interacting with a client and may notice a risk factor outside of your program area/expertise ---who do you refer to as a point of contact or are there examples when you could not refer a client to a needed resource?

How are we bringing equity and inclusion into the community, into our work, or our outreach?

What does farm resiliency mean to you? Social, environmental, economic, sustainable practice, improvements

- Break Out rooms:
Local land trusts

- AFT – 5-10 years major change into less doing more about Ag and conservation planning, water management
- Extension – climate resilience, pest management, water management

Program Presentation: Farmer Tax Education, Agricultural Financial, Tax and Asset Protection Program

Kelly McAdam – Agricultural Program Leader

Michael (Mike) Sciabarrasi– Agriculture Business Management Program

- AgFTAP program objectives
- Tax issues: general vs unique
- Resources to answer client questions
- Farm Records and tax preparation
- Finding a farm tax preparer

Resources:

AgFTAP.org

Extension.usu.edu/ruraltax

irs.gov

irs.gov/businesses

farmers.gov/working-with-us/taxes

Copy of presentation slide deck

Network-wide announcements

Zoe Eisenpress, NH Association Conservation Districts - conservationplanners@nhacd.net

Mary Choate – Jumpstart to Produce Farm food Safety for NH Farms

<https://extension.unh.edu/blog/2022/01/jumpstart-farm-food-safety-extension>

3 year grant, for small-medium sized farmers to make sure food is safe focused on things like handwashing, cleaning and sanitizing, writing standard operating procedures

Jesse Wright – New Farmer School

<https://extension.unh.edu/agriculture-gardens/farmer-support-networks/new-farmers/new-farmer-school>

Colleen Stewart – May 11th 2023 NH Food System Statewide Gathering

<https://www.nhfoodalliance.org/get-involved/nh-food-system-statewide-gathering>

Bill Fosher – American Farmland Trust, microgrant up to \$10,000 for soil support, 2 new grants coming out this summer details to come

Upcoming meetings

NH Food Alliance (May 11) – Lunchtime gathering

NH Farm Network Monday, July 10, 1-2:30pm

TBD September Ag Professionals Day

NH Farm Network Monday, October 16, 1-2:30pm