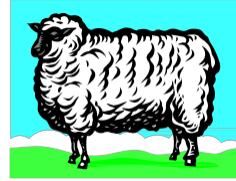
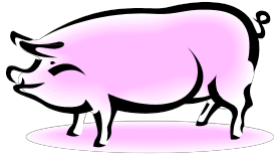


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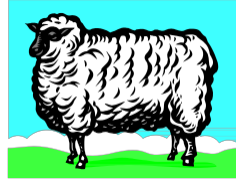
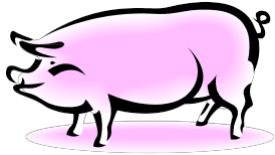




Mission Statement

The Agricultural Commission shall serve as facilitators for encouraging the pursuit of agriculture in town, promoting agricultural based economic opportunities, acting as mediators on farming issues, working for the preservation of agricultural lands, pursuing all initiatives appropriate to create a sustainable agricultural community, and preserving the rural character of Hubbardston, Massachusetts.

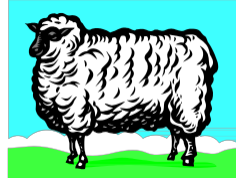
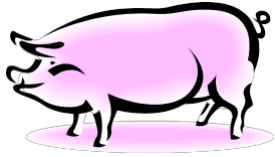




Work Plan / 2014 Goals

- **Educate the public**
- **Promote a local, sustainable community & economic growth**
- **Livestock & agricultural tax exemption**
- **Establish pathway to mediate agricultural related issues within the town**

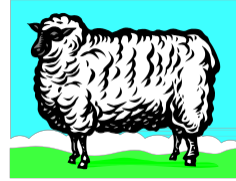
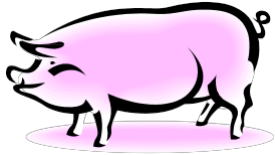




Educate the public

- Provide contact information for Agricultural Commission on Town website
- Provide public service announcements and listings of upcoming local events on Town cable TV channel
- Create informational hand out of Hubbardston farms
- Attend annual Field day to inform public about agriculture in Hubbardston
- Send an introductory letter to property owners who have land under 61A
- Host “Winter Farmer Social”
- Host Farmer to Farmer meeting

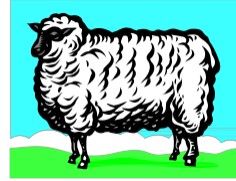
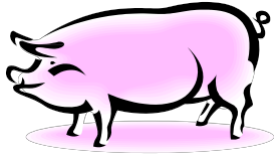




**Promote a local sustainable
community & economic growth**

**Organize and promote
annual “Visit a Farm Tour Day”**

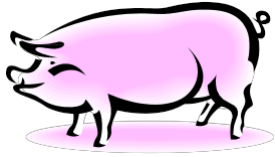




Promote a local sustainable community & economic growth

Work with the Board of Assessors to clarify the Livestock and Agricultural Exemption and contact local farms about how to apply for the exemption





Establish pathway to mediate agricultural related issues within the town

Contact Board of Health, Police, Fire Dept., Board of Assessors, DPW, Conservation Commission, Town Administrator, Building Inspector, Planning Board and Selectboard to create a pathway for dealing with agricultural related problems and concerns such as:

- **Runaway livestock**
- **Complaints about farm odor**
- **Selling farm products at farm stands**
- **Farm signage**
- **Farming near wetland issues**



