

**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE PROTECTION OF FARMS AND  
FARMLAND**

**Cross State Office Building – Room 206**

**Augusta, ME**

**Thursday September 25, 2008**

9:30 Land for Maine's Future – Overview of Farmland Protection - *Tim Glidden, Director*

- Statutory provisions and bond language specific to farmland
- Scoring System for Evaluating Farmland Proposals

10:00 Easements as a farmland protection tool and the role of land trusts  
*John Piotti, Director Maine Farmland Trust*

Funding Sources for Farmland Preservation – *Tim Glidden and John Piotti*

10:45 Farms for the Future – Overview of program and recent revisions  
*Stephanie Gilbert, Department of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Resources*

11:00 Mapping Capabilities in Maine and Mapping Capacity Needed to Support a  
Maine Agriculture Districts Program - *Staff*

Lunch

1:00 Review benefits available to farms within agriculture protection districts in other  
states; review criteria and process for designating agricultural districts in other  
states - *Staff*

Discuss criteria and benefits for potential inclusion in a Maine Agriculture  
Districts Program

2:45 Information requests for next meeting (October 10th)  
Directions to staff

3:00 Adjourn