

**Farm & Food:** We are meeting again after a brief hiatus, in part due to a landowner who completed the process for the Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program and is now considering a commercial solar farm on his property. We need to discuss the implications for farmland and farmland soils and if this will fit with the agreement for the VMFSP. Once again, we further fine-tuned the VMFSP documents. We plan to meet with the solar company that is proposing the solar farm and will invite the landowner along with another individual who is entering an agreement with the same company, to a meeting with us. We hope to gain a better understanding of how the construction may affect soils and farmland usage.

Sally went to Bowdoinham to participate on a panel organized by GrowSmart Maine and Stephanie Gilbert of the Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, who facilitated the panel and has been a guiding force for the Ag Comm. This was attended by farmers, planners, tax Assessors and lobbyists who were interested in hearing the Town of Winslow story about forming the first Agriculture Commission and developing the first VMFSP. We are a model for other municipalities and organizations as they contemplate something similar.