



Rockingham County Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

5:30-7:30 p.m.

[Wild Fern Farm](#), part of [Bakie Farm Initiative](#), 35 Powwow River Rd, Kingston, NH

Welcome and Dinner – Leanne Miner

Program – Jesse Wright

This month, we will be led by UNH Extension’s Food and Agriculture Program staff Jesse Wright, and owner/operator of [Wild Fern Farm](#) Liz Willey, in a walking tour of the farm. Liz will share the innovative cooperative business model at [Bakie Farm Initiative](#) and delve into some of the challenges and benefits she has found through this less common approach to land access. Jesse will share the ways that the Agricultural Business Management Team assists farmers like Liz across the state.

Bakie Farm currently hosts three businesses; Wild Fern Farm, Hungry Heart Farm and Bakie Farm Flowers. Our host Wild Fern Farm is a small certified organic vegetable farm which currently supplies some of the [Seacoast Eat Local](#) farmers markets and the [Three River Farmers Alliance](#) food hub, as well as a small CSA (Community-Supported Agriculture).

After dinner, we will take a short walking tour of the property, weather permitting. Together we’ll explore how their model of collectively sharing land, infrastructure and equipment can lower costs and remove the barriers to entry to farming. We’ll also discuss how UNH Extension’s Food and Agriculture team is supporting Rockingham County.

BUSINESS MEETING

Thank you to Leanne Miner for her 6 years of service

May Minutes Approval – All AC Members

Proposed Schedule for 2024-2025 on the 3rd Wednesday:

- Wednesday, September 18
- Wednesday, October 16
- Wednesday, November 20
- (no meeting in December)
- Wednesday, January 15
- Wednesday, February 19
- Wednesday, March 19
- Wednesday, April 16
- Wednesday, May 21

- Wednesday, June 25 (fourth Wednesday)

Comments/Questions on Staff Updates – All

How are AC members connecting with people and Extension staff outside of meetings – All AC Members

5 Council Vacancies of 14 Total Members – All

Other Business – Leanne Miner

Adjourn

UPCOMING EVENTS: <https://extension.unh.edu/events>

Upcoming Meetings:

- no meetings July & August