



# TOWN OF WINSLOW, MAINE

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PUBLIC HEARING 5-9-16

## TOWN COUNCIL

## ORDINANCE NO. 3-2016

### AN ORDINANCE

**Providing for:** The Adoption of the Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of Winslow as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Town's comprehensive plan notes "The town should safeguard land identified as prime farmland or capable of supporting commercial forestry" and "The town should encourage owners of productive farm and forest land to enroll in the current use taxation programs; and

**WHEREAS**, in May of 2014 the Town Council formed an Agricultural Commission because the town values its Agricultural resources and wishes to preserve them; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agricultural Commission has developed the attached Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program which is a property tax relief program for qualifying farmland and farm buildings, which has been authorized by the Maine Legislature to help preserve Maine's Agricultural resources; now therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Town Council that the town hereby adopts the attached Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program for the Town of Winslow, Maine.

**SPONSORED BY:** Steve Russell

### IN THE TOWN COUNCIL

April 11, 2016

First Reading, 6-0  
accepted \_\_\_\_\_  
rejected \_\_\_\_\_

May 9, 2016

Second Reading, 6-0  
adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
rejected \_\_\_\_\_

Patricia J. Smiley  
Town Clerk

APPROVED: May 9, 2016

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