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Massachusetts State Technical Committee

Dear Members,

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will hold a State Technical Committee meeting at the Brigham Hill Community Farm, 37 Wheeler Road in North Grafton, Massachusetts on Thursday, December 12, 2013. The meeting will start at 9:00 AM and end at noon. [Directions link to Brigham Hill Community Farm](#). Please review the draft agenda items below. If you wish to include additional items contact Barbara Miller at (413) 253-4380, or email: Barbara.miller@ma.usda.gov.

DRAFT AGENDA ITEMS:

- State Conservationist’s comments Chris Clarke
 - NRCS budget and outlook
 - Legislative update (Farm Bill)
- Review of minutes from the December 2012 meeting (attached)
- 2013 Farm Bill Program Summary Barbara Miller
 - Financial Assistance Programs
 - Easement Programs
- Natural Resource Concerns Chris Clarke
 - Local Work Group Efforts/Results
 - Forestry Subcommittee
 - Certainty
- Technical Matters Barbara Miller
 - Conservation Planning, Practices & Implementation
 - Planning Criteria and CPPE
- Program Development Barbara Miller
 - Payment Schedules
 - Program Delivery & Balance
- State Technical Committee – member updates All
- Discussion All

If you need any special accommodations, please notify Barbara Miller.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE S. CLARKE
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Enclosure: Minutes – December, 2012