

North Hampton Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes: 6/15/20 DRAFT

Present: Audrey Prior (Chair), Joan Ganotis (Vice-Chair), Hank Bradt, Phil Thayer, Lisa Cote (alternate), Walter Nordstrom (alternate), Bobbi Burns (non member, secretary), and Kathy Kilgore (member of the public)

Absent: Dieter Ebert and Cindy Jenkins

Opened meeting at 6:01 p.m. which occurred at Governor Dale Farm

Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes from 5/18/20 as amended

1st: J. Ganotis

2nd: A. Prior

Motion passed, 5:0

Membership – D. Ebert and P. Thayer were approved as members by the Select Board. D. Padulo decided against taking the alternate spot. C. Jenkins agreed to fill it.

Motion: Recommend C. Jenkins for the open alternate position.

1st: L. Cote

2nd: P. Thayer

Motion passed, 6:0

Community Garden– Gardeners will continue to mow between gardens with a hand mower.

Given timing, sunflowers field will be planted next year. H. Brandt is getting pricing to have the area plowed and disced, in preparation for tilling and planting next year.

J. Ganotis weeded the blueberry bushes across the street. She will water if necessary, but overall they look healthy.

Old Home Day – Barn talk is scheduled for 8/6/20 and tour for 9/28/20. J. Ganotis will check with NH Humanities (funding source), town administrator (approval to use the Town Hall), Heritage Commission, and Mr. Porter (speaker) to determine if all are in agreement as to moving forward given Covid 19 concerns.

Budget – As of fiscal year beginning July 1, Agricultural Commission will be able to accumulate unused funds for future use. Discussed potential cost of field prep work for sunflower planting as an added cost next year.

School Garden – 8th graders received tomato bags. Weeding was done. Outdoor garden is growing potatoes and onions.

Outreach – L. Cote will propose “read to a chicken” day at the library. K. Kilgore provided name of new children’s librarian.

Farmer’s Market – Governor Dale Farm received approval to move forward. Farmer’s Market manager needed.

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

1st: J. Ganotis

2nd: L. Cote

Motion passed, 6:0

Submitted by B. Burns. Next Meeting: Monday, July 20, 2020; 6 p.m.; Governor Dale Farm