

## North Hampton Agriculture Commission

### Meeting Minutes: 11/21/16 FINAL

**Present:** Dieter Ebert (Chair), Lisa Cote, Joan Ganotis, Walter Nordstrom, Cindy Jenkins

Open meeting at 7:05PM

#### Previous Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Approve minutes from 10/17/16

1<sup>st</sup>: L. Cote

2<sup>nd</sup>: W. Nordstrom

Motion Passed unanimously

Community Garden – During the Previous meeting Cindy reported that many items were missing from the garden. To date none of the items have surfaced. Members discussed security measure that could be taken at the Community Garden. Walter mentioned he had a Game Camera that could be used. Cindy noted that some gardeners have planted cover crops and we should communicate to other gardens to plant cover crops to preserve and enrich soils. Members discussed having the town highway department take over the mowing at the Community garden for the 2017 season. The department said they would take over mowing in 2016 but never did.

Action Item: Contact the Highway Department to commence mowing after the April 2017 meeting.

Farmers Market – Hank was not at the meeting so this topic was tabled to the next meeting.

Ag Zoning–During the 8/15/16 meeting Nancy Monaghan from the Planning board reviewed the proposed sign ordinance with the Agriculture Commission highlighting impacts it may have on Agricultural signage. During that meeting she indicated that it was unlikely that accessory structure or wetland buffer ordinances would be proposed this year, however, from recent planning board minutes it appeared as if the board was pushing for the wetland buffer ordinance. The Ag commission wished to give input on the ordinance if possible as previous revisions negatively affected agriculture.

Action Item: Dieter Ebert to contact Tim Harned on the planning board to get and update on the wetland buffer ordinance.

#### Adjournment

**Motion:** Adjourn at 8:35PM

1<sup>st</sup>: L. Cote

2<sup>nd</sup>: W. Nordstrom

Motion Passed unanimously

Submitted by D. Ebert