

North Hampton Agriculture Commission

Meeting Minutes: 12/9/16 DRAFT

Present: Dieter Ebert (Chair), Hank Brandt, Bobbi Burns, Lisa Cote, Joan Ganotis, and Cindy Jenkins

Absent: Walter Nordstrom

Opened meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Not available yet.

Community Garden - 1 member failed to clean up his plot. Cindy will follow-up. 1 member failed to pay. Town is following up.

Farmers Market – Hank met with NRCS and BOS. Both groups are supportive.

Ag Zoning –Reviewed proposed wetland buffer regulation. Concern raised that the regulation be written such that it does not impede farming currently allowed in wetlands.

Reviewed proposed solar energy regulation. Concerns raised regarding group net-metering which could impact viability of solar panels on farm properties with multiple meters; and restrictions on ground mounted solar arrays which are often viable on large acreage properties.

Membership – Cindy mentioned a new person may be interested. B. Burns will notify him of next meeting. Several members' terms have expired and need to be re-approved.

275th Town Anniversary – Cindy is representing Ag Com on this committee. Discussed adding horses to memorial day parade and possibility of a tractor/car/plane show at the airport.

Action Items:

Contact Community Garden member who didn't clean up – C. Jenkins

Contact potential farmers market vendors to gauge interest – B. Burns, L. Cote, & D. Ebert

Notify potential new member of meeting schedule – B. Burns

Determine which members need to be re-approved by BOS and sworn in – B. Burns

Town Report due 12/31/16 – C. Jenkins

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

1st: B. Burns

2nd: D. Ebert

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by B. Burns. Next Meeting: Monday, Jan 16, 2017; 7:00 pm, Town Hall