

North Hampton Agriculture Commission

Meeting Minutes: 05/16/16 DRAFT

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

Absent: Walter Nordstrom

Opened meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes from 4/18/16

1st: L. Cote

2nd: J. Ganotis

Motion passed unanimously.

Membership - H. Brandt agreed to be an alternate. Hank owns a 55 acre property and is establishing farming operations. Discussed possibility of farmers' market. Committee enthusiastically welcomed Hank and pursuit of a farmers' market in town.

Officers

Motion: Elect D. Ebert as Chair.

1st: B. Burns

2nd: L. Cote

Motion passed unanimously.

Community Garden – C. Jenkins agreed to continue heading up the community garden.

School Greenhouse – L. Cote attended school meeting. Committee was thrilled with each grade's involvement and the wonderful vegetables and flowers being produced by the children. Lisa provided great pictures.

Barn Survey – Scouts have taken pictures of approximately 100 barns to date.

Other Business – Short discussion regarding stalled rails to trails effort.

Short discussion regarding benefits to encouraging barn easements. Town currently has 5 in place.

C. Jenkins reviewed town ethics and rules with Committee.

Action Items:

Provide Selectmen with request to approve H. Brandt as alternate – C. Jenkins with H. Brandt

Update contact list on town website – C. Jenkins

Continuation of Action items from previous meeting:

Provide pricing for mowing of community garden. – D. Ebert – Pricing provided. Approve at next meeting.

Verify if there is a farm in town producing food for sale to the public for inclusion by SELT – W. Nordstrom

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

1st: L. Cote

2nd: J. Ganotis

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by B. Burns. Next Meeting: Monday, June 20, 2016; 7:00 pm, Town Hall