

North Hampton Agriculture Commission

**Meeting Minutes: 06/20/16 DRAFT**

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

**Absent:** Walter Nordstrom

Opened meeting at 7:09 p.m. Made H. Brandt voting member.

Previous Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Approve minutes from 5/16/16

1<sup>st</sup>: H. Brandt

2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Ganotis

Motion passed unanimously.

Membership - H. Brandt approved as an alternate by BOS & sworn in.

**Motion:** Elect B. Burns as secretary/treasurer.

1<sup>st</sup>: C. Jenkins

2<sup>nd</sup>: L. Cote

Motion passed unanimously.

Community Garden – D. Ebert mowing at a cost of \$60 per cut. Suggestion made to pursue having town do mowing. Concern raised in regards to town machines having the ability to deflect cuttings rather than side discharging into gardens. Honey & Mason bees appear to be doing well.

**Motion:** Approve invoice for cutting through May, \$300.

1<sup>st</sup>: B. Burns

2<sup>nd</sup>: L. Cote

Motion passed, D. Ebert abstained.

Farmer's Market – H. Brandt received positive feedback from P. Apple. Ag Com members heard positive feedback from various residents. H. Brandt is continuing research into other Farmer's Market's. Current thinking is possibly a N. Hampton centered effort with outside producers incorporated to provide a fuller offering.

School Greenhouse – L. Cote attended school meeting. Ag Com continues to be impressed with school results. School looking for a greenhouse mgr. L. Cote to pursue with UNH.

Barn Survey – In progress. Heritage Com will include Ag Com at report out meeting by Scouts, possibly this fall. 1 additional barn received tax abatement at BOS.

Ag Zoning – Agreement that changes to accessory structure, wetland buffer, and stockpiling of materials ordinances could impact agricultural efforts. Further discussion required as to how and what input to provide to planning board. Conservation easement zone ordinance to be reviewed at next meeting.

Action Items:

Procure monthly update of Ag Com budget and spending – B. Burns

Contact Paul Apple to determine if there is any possibility of town handling mowing at Community Garden – B. Burns

Continuation of Action items from previous meeting:

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

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Adjournment

**Motion:** Adjourn at 9:26 p.m.

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

2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Ganotis

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by B. Burns. Next Meeting: Monday, Aug. 15, 2016; 7:00 pm, Town Hall