

North Hampton Agriculture Commission

Meeting Minutes: 08/15/16 FINAL

Present: Dieter Ebert (Chair), Hank Brandt, Bobbi Burns, Lisa Cote, Joan Ganotis, Cindy Jenkins, and Walter Nordstrom
Guest: Nancy Monaghan, Planning Board

Opened meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes from 6/20/16

1st: L. Cote

2nd: C. Jenkins

Motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Sign Ordinance Changes - N. Monaghan explained proposed changes and answered questions. Proposal removes separate category for seasonal farm stands. Temporary signs in residential areas, including farm stands, no longer have time frame restrictions. Farm stands in commercial areas will be regulated by the commercial rules. Public hearing is Sept. 20.

Community Garden – Town willing to do mowing, but unable to deflect clippings. Ag Com will ask town to cut all but in between rows which will continue to be done by D. Ebert. Discussed possibility of buying town an in place mulching mechanism for a mower at an estimated cost of \$400-\$500.

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

1st: C. Jenkins

2nd: W. Nordstrom

Motion passed, D. Ebert abstained.

Ag Zoning –N. Monaghan mentioned that it is unlikely that changes to accessory structure or wetland buffer ordinances will be proposed this year. Discussed Conservation easement zone ordinance. Clarification required as to how this ordinance is applied if other ordinances are in conflict with an easement’s granted rights. D. Ebert and H. Brandt to attend Aug 31 Planning Bd meeting on land use.

Budget – Proposed budget due Aug. 29. Majority of costs associated with community garden. Concern raised that current budget doesn’t cover mowing if town solution doesn’t work. Discussed warrant article to allow accumulating funds from year to year.

Action Items:

Prepare next year’s budget – B. Burns

Contact Paul Apple to begin mowing by town – B. Burns

Determine income from Community Garden – C. Jenkins

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

1st: W. Nordstrom

2nd: J. Ganotis

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by B. Burns. Next Meeting: Monday, Sept. 19, 2016; 7:00 pm, Town Hall