

North Hampton Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes: 5/18/20 FINAL

Present: Dieter Ebert (Chair), Audrey Prior (Vice-Chair), Hank Bradt, Joan Ganotis, Cindy Jenkins, Lisa Cote (alternate), Bobbi Burns (non member, secretary), Diana Padulo (member of the public), and Phil Thayer (member of the public)

Absent: Walter Nordstrom (alternate)

Opened meeting at 6:03 p.m. which occurred at Governor Dale Farm

Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes from 2/18/20

1st: J. Ganotis

2nd: A. Prior

Motion passed, 5:0

Membership – D. Ebert expressed willingness to renew membership. P. Thayer and D. Padulo each introduced themselves and expressed interest in becoming members. P. Thayer has extensive farming and animal husbandry experience. C. Jenkins re-assured the group that she will remain actively involved in the Community Garden, but simply doesn't want to attend all meetings.

Motion: Recommend P. Thayer for the open position and D. Padulo for the alternate position.

1st: A. Prior

2nd: H. Brandt

Motion passed, 5:0

Motion: Elect A. Prior as chair and J. Ganotis as vice-chair

1st: D. Ebert

2nd: H. Brandt

Motion passed; 6:0

Community Garden– All gardens are reserved. Rules and waivers went out and were returned. 14 gardeners have yet to pay. 1 gardener questioned the validity of the contract, but issue was resolved.

C. Jenkins will speak with the town about removing a rock and debris pile. A gardener has offered to keep a small tractor at the site in order to mow between gardens. He is working with the town to ensure town liability issues are solved.

Discussed using the area below the gardens. P. Thayer suggested planting sunflowers. P. Thayer and B. Burns will investigate feasibility and cost with the minimum goal being a test plot.

Motion: Approve up to \$300 for sunflower garden

1st: D. Ebert

2nd: A. Prior

Motion passed: 6:0

Old Home Day – Discussed postponing the Barn Tour and Talk until next year. Decision will be made next month. J. Ganotis has secured approval to visit the selected barns.

Coastal Adaptation Master Plan – Rockingham Planning Commission requested a representative.

Motion: Nominate A. Prior

1st: D. Ebert

2nd: J. Ganotis

Motion passed: 6:0

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Land Use Summit – Normally it occurs in June, but it appears that it is being postponed.

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 7:08 p.m.

1st: J. Ganotis

2nd: L. Cote

Motion passed, 6:0

Submitted by B. Burns. Next Meeting: Monday, June 15, 2020; 6 p.m.; Governor Dale Farm