

North Hampton Agriculture Commission

Meeting Minutes: 12/18/17 DRAFT

Present: Hank Brandt, Bobbi Burns, Lisa Cote, Joan Ganotis, and Cindy Jenkins

Absent: Dieter Ebert (Chair) and Walter Nordstrom (alternate)

Opened meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes from 11/20/17

1st: C. Jenkins

2nd: H. Brandt

Motion passed unanimously.

Community Garden (CG) – 2 new gardeners have signed up for next year. Discussed suitability of locating a dog park next to the CG. Consensus was that a dog park is not compatible with the CG. Ag Com would prefer that any additional use of the Marston Farm Conservation site be for expansion of agricultural uses.

Motion: Recommend to the Conservation Commission that the Marston Farm Conservation site is incompatible with and should not be considered for use as a dog park.

1st: H. Brandt

2nd: L. Cote

Motion passed unanimously.

Barn Survey – Discussed existence of 10 barn easements in town. J. Ganotis recommended and assisted a resident with applying for a grant from NH Preservation Alliance to create a prioritized restoration plan for an outbuilding. Matching grant was approved.

School Greenhouse – C. Cote notified the group that a roof panel at the greenhouse fell in. She is pursuing options for fixing.

Library Newsletter – C. Jenkins drafted. There was agreement that the draft looked great. There was agreement that farm equipment should not be advertised for sale even though the sale of farm equipment promotes agriculture.

Farmers' Market – Discussed sending a letter of recommendation to the Planning Board and/or SELT regarding the Farmers' Market proposal. All agree that a Farmers' Market is a positive method for encouraging agriculture by providing a central location for small producers to market their goods and for residents to access local farm products. B. Burns to draft left for further discussion.

Guide to Open Government Meeting – J. Ganotis attended and shared what she learned. Item of note was that we need to get alternates approved by the BOS each year.

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

1st: L. Cote

2nd: C. Jenkins

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by B. Burns. Next Meeting: Monday, January 15, 2018; 7:00 pm, Town Clerk's Office