

North Hampton Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes: 01/16/2023 **FINAL**

Present: Audrey Prior (Chair), Cheryl Kasztejna (alternate), Rowan Perkins (member of the public), Allyson Ryder (member of the public), Bill Clapp (gardener at the North Hampton Community Garden, non-resident). C. Kasztejna arrived at 7:33pm.

Absent: Joan Ganotis (Vice Chair), Hank Brandt, Dieter Ebert, Phil Thayer, Pollyanna Ford (alternate)

1. Opened meeting at 7:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from 12/19/2022 will be amended as needed and voted on at the next meeting of the Agricultural Commission.

3. Old Business

3a. Community Garden: A. Ryder and B. Clapp were in attendance to discuss the North Hampton Community Garden and the possible expansion. A. Prior gave a summary of the Agricultural Commission's discussion from the December 19th meeting, including that the expansion has been put on hold in order to address other issues. Concerns to be addressed include: shading from evergreen trees on the Community Garden property; mowing, and whether the town can commit to mowing certain areas around the outskirts of the garden; unmaintained plots; and, fencing. The Agricultural Commission will discuss in February whether a work day at the garden would be beneficial. This work day meeting would likely be scheduled for March.

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3b. Newsletter articles/"Interview with a Farmer" project: The Winter Newsletter is due on January 24, 2023. The Interview with a Farmer article is not completed, so A. Prior will pull together a list of Winter Farmer's markets for the Agricultural Commission's submission.

3c. Goals for 2023: Goals will be discussed at the next meeting of the Agricultural Commission.

4. New Business

4a. Membership: R. Perkins has expressed interest in the open alternate position. A. Prior described what type of projects the Agricultural Commission usually works on, including the Agricultural Commission brochure, educational opportunities like the Barn Talk held in 2022, community newsletter articles, and managing the Community Garden. A. Prior asked R. Perkins to attend the next meeting where the commission will be discussing goals for 2023 and deciding what projects to focus on this year.

5. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm by motion of the Chair.

Submitted by Audrey Prior. Next meeting: February 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.; North Hampton Public Library, 239 Atlantic Ave., North Hampton, NH 03862