

North Hampton Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes: 03/20/2023 **FINAL**

Present: Audrey Prior (Chair), Joan Ganotis (Vice Chair), Dieter Ebert, Pollyanna Ford (alternate), Cheryl Kasztejna (alternate), Rowan Perkins (alternate)

Absent: Hank Brandt, Phil Thayer

1. Opened meeting at 6:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from 02/20/2023 will be reviewed at the next Agricultural Commission meeting.

3. Old Business

3a. Community Garden: The Agricultural Commission meeting was held at the Community Garden in order for commission members to get a better sense of the space and assess the concerns that have been raised on site. Members walked through the garden and measured some of the aisle widths. Topics of discussion included: fencing (one perimeter fence vs. individual plot fencing), aisle widths for mowing (wider for commercial or narrower for push mower), using wood chips on the aisles instead of keeping them as grass, having a set clean up day at the end of the growing season, and the storage of personal property over the winter in plots. P. Ford also shared information regarding other community gardens in the area and how they differed from the North Hampton Community Garden. Commission members will think on these issues and begin to form a plan at the next Agricultural Commission meeting.

3b. Membership: C. Kasztejna expressed interest in continuing as an alternate to the Agricultural Commission. A. Prior will follow up with P. Thayer.

Motion: To recommend the following reappointment to the Select Board:

Cheryl Kasztejna, Alternate Member, 1-year term

1st: D. Ebert

2nd: P. Ford

Motion passed unanimously.

3c. Newsletter articles/"Interview with a Farmer" project: The next newsletter article should be due in late May. P. Ford and C. Kasztejna will work on having a draft of the article ready for the May meeting of the Agricultural Commission.

4. New Business

No new business was addressed.

5. Adjournment:

Motion: Adjourn at 6:58pm.

1st: P. Ford

2nd: D. Ebert

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Audrey Prior. Next meeting: April 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Hampton Town Clerk's Office, 237 Atlantic Ave, North Hampton, NH 03862.