

Present: Audrey Prior (Chair), Joan Ganotis (Vice Chair), Hank Brandt, Pollyanna Ford (alternate), Rowan Perkins (alternate)

Absent: Dieter Ebert, Phil Thayer, Cheryl Kasztejna (alternate)

1. Opened meeting at 7:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion: To approve the minutes from 04/17/2023 as amended.

1st: J. Ganotis

2nd: R. Perkins

Motion passed unanimously, with H. Brandt abstaining.

3. Old Business

3a. Community Newsletter: P. Ford is working on a revised draft. The newsletter article is due on May 30, 2023. A. Prior will send the final draft to the commission members before submitting it by the deadline.

3b. Land Use Boards Annual Meeting: The annual Land Use Boards meeting will be held on June 22 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall. A. Prior and P. Ford will be the Agricultural Commission's representatives. The Agricultural Commission will need two or three topics to include on the agenda for the meeting. After some discussion, the commission decided to have the community garden be one of the topics. The other topic can be "current projects," with brief summaries of what is currently being worked on, such as the brochure update and master plan goals.

3c. Goals for 2023: Commission members agreed that the brochure should be updated this year. P. Ford had been to the NH Sheep & Wool Festival and shared a brochure that they provided that gave visitors a map with local artists and producers that they could go see while in the area. If the commission could get together a similar list of local artisan shops and agricultural producers, the commission could produce something like this in the future. Commission members also discussed the importance of getting children interested in agriculture. UNH's Agriculture in the Classroom program was mentioned as something to look into. The commission also discussed Old Home Day and whether the Agricultural Commission should try to get involved with it in the future.

Two goals in the Agriculture Master Plan chapter are scheduled to be completed by the end of this year, both topics to educate the public about. One is Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Agriculture, and the other is the Current Use program. Commission members discussed and agreed that Current Use would be better as a Community Newsletter article to reach a broader audience, while BMPs could be a good focus for this year's brochure. Commission members will look through the BMPs and send highlights to A. Prior, along with any photos relating to agriculture that would work for the brochure. A. Prior will reach out to Rick Milner, North Hampton's Planning and Zoning Administrator, and see if the town has any resources regarding Current Use that could be used to help inform the newsletter article.

3d. Community Garden: The commission will continue discussing the garden at the next meeting.

3e. RSA 79-D tax relief application: Patricia Meyers' application for RSA 79-D tax relief will be presented to the Select Board in a public hearing on May 22, 2023.

4. New Business

4a. Communications: A. Prior received an email from Nancy Monaghan requesting information pertaining to old barns for Planning Board business. A. Prior sent the links to the Agricultural Commission's barn survey (available on the Agricultural Commission's page on the Town website), and the older survey done by the North Hampton Historical Society (available on their website).

5. Adjournment:

Motion: Adjourn at 8:11pm.

1st: J. Ganotis

2nd: P. Ford

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Audrey Prior. Next meeting: June 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Hampton Town Clerk's Office, 237 Atlantic Ave, North Hampton, NH 03862.