

Present: Audrey Prior (Chair), Joan Ganotis (Vice Chair), Pollyanna Ford (alternate), Cheryl Kasztejna (alternate), Rowan Perkins (alternate), Keith Lincoln (member of the public)

Absent: Hank Brandt, Dieter Ebert, Phil Thayer

1. Opened meeting at 7:07 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion: To approve the minutes from 07/17/2023 as written.

1st: J. Ganotis

2nd: P. Ford

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Old Business

3a. Brochure Update: A. Prior presented a revised draft of the brochure to be discussed. P. Ford will send a list of agricultural businesses in North Hampton to be added, and R. Perkins will send additional photos. J. Ganotis sent a photo of a barn to be added as well. A. Prior will make the additions and provide a new draft for the next meeting.

3b. Community Newsletter: A. Prior will check with the Friends of the NHPL to see if there is going to be a fall edition of the Community Newsletter, as no communication has been received about it.

3c. Community Garden: The Commission discussed several additional revisions to the garden rules. A. Prior will make the changes and provide an updated draft for the next meeting. The Commission discussed creating a “garden manager” type position. Commission members need to decide what responsibilities this person or group would have, and what responsibilities would need to remain the duties of the Agricultural Commission. This will be worked on at the next meeting. After discussing the plot resizing and fencing again, commission members decided to wait until next year to do this work. This fall, A. Prior will send out an email to all gardeners notifying them of the Agricultural Commission’s long-term plans and requesting that personal property and tools be removed from the garden this fall/winter, as well as letting them know about the rule changes that will go into effect next year. If the job description for the “garden manager” position is ready, A. Prior will also send this to the gardeners and see who may be interested in the position.

4. New Business

No new business was conducted.

5. Adjournment:

Motion: Adjourn at 8:07pm.

1st: J. Ganotis

2nd: P. Ford

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Audrey Prior. Next meeting: September 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Hampton Town Clerk’s Office, 237 Atlantic Ave, North Hampton, NH 03862.