

North Hampton Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes: 1/17/2022

FINAL

Present: Audrey Prior (Chair), Joan Ganotis (Vice Chair), Dieter Ebert **Absent:** Phil Thayer, Hank Brandt, Lisa Cote (alternate), Pollyanna Ford (alternate), Walter Nordstrom (alternate)

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

2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion: To approve the minutes from 12/20/2021 as written.

1st: D. Ebert

2nd: J. Ganotis

Motion passed unanimously

3. Old Business

3a. Community Garden: A. Prior will reach out to gardeners from 2021 to see who will be returning in 2022. The commission discussed whether garden sign ups should be held in person this year, or if waivers and payment should continue to be mailed in. Commission members decided to wait until the February meeting of the Agricultural Commission to make a decision.

3b. Newsletter articles/"Interview with a Farmer" project: The submission for the winter newsletter article is due on January 24, 2022. L. Cote provided a draft article focusing on an interview with Josh Andrews from Governor Dale Farm. J. Andrews provided month by month descriptions of what sort of tasks are performed. J. Ganotis provided an introduction for the article. A. Prior will submit as written and will shorten the article if needed.

3c. Barn Tour and Talk: J. Ganotis will contact NH Humanities to inquire about a grant to pay the speaker fee for the Barn Talk. The lineup of barns for the Barn Tour is still being worked out.

4. New Business

4a. Goals for 2022: The Commission started brainstorming a list of ideas for 2022. The Barn Talk works towards the goal in the Agricultural chapter of the Master Plan of educating the public about agriculture. The commission also wishes to continue planning for the expansion of the North Hampton Community Garden, which will hopefully be able to be completed in the fall of 2022. Other ideas for educational opportunities included hosting speakers to discuss topics such as best management practices, composting, protecting your landscape from wildlife and protecting livestock from predators. Some of these could also be used as future newsletter topics. The idea was also discussed of putting a blurb in the town Friday Folder to get feedback on what topics the public may be interested in.

4b. North Hampton Little Boars Head Coastal Hazards Master Plan Chapter Steering Committee: The project website is live and public information sessions are in progress. The committee will be meeting one more time in February to discuss the results from the public information sessions and finalize the draft of the master plan chapter.

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

1st: A. Prior

2nd: D. Ebert

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Audrey Prior. Next Meeting date & time: February 21, 2022; 7:00 p.m.; North Hampton Town Clerk's Office