

Present: Audrey Prior (Chair), Joan Ganotis (Vice Chair), Dieter Ebert, Lisa Cote (alternate), Cindy Jenkins (alternate).

Absent: Hank Brandt, Phil Thayer, Walter Nordstrom (alternate), Bobbi Burns (non-member, secretary)

1. Opened meeting at 7:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion: To approve the minutes from 11/16/2020 as amended.

1st: D. Ebert

2nd: J. Ganotis

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To approve the minutes from 21/21/2020 as written.

1st: D. Ebert

2nd: L. Cote

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Old Business

3a. Community Garden: C. Jenkins brought an article to discuss with the group about the Moultonborough Community Garden. The ideas of no-till gardening, best practices for communicating with the gardeners, and the possibility of holding seminars with speakers from UNH on topics like pest control and handling diseases in the vegetable garden were discussed. The commission also discussed looking into a compost project taking place at the Moultonborough Community Garden as similar issues have been raised at the North Hampton Community Garden. C. Jenkins also brought up the fact that the commission had purchased a food dehydrator several years ago that is currently located at the North Hampton School. The commission should explore ways to utilize this piece of equipment.

3b. Community Newsletter: A. Prior had prepared a draft of the newsletter submission for review. Minor revisions were made. A. Prior will submit the newsletter article by the deadline of Jan. 25, 2021.

3c. Coastal Adaptation Master Plan Project Steering Committee update: A public information session will be held on Jan. 28th from 4:00pm – 5:00pm via Zoom. Participants must register in advance. This public information session will share some of the science about coastal impacts, explain the goals and purpose of the master plan chapters, and seek public input.

4. New Business

4a. Goals for 2021: The Agricultural Commission discussed the goals laid out in the Agriculture Master Plan Chapter. Goals with a deadline of 2021 are to update the Agricultural Commission brochure and provide talks, articles, or handouts that educate the community on agriculturally related activities. A variety of revisions to the brochure were discussed including changing out the photos, providing an update on the community garden, adding information about soil health or other agriculturally related topics, and updating the membership section of the brochure. The brochure, along with community newsletter submissions, will help accomplish the second goal. This discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

1st: J. Ganotis

2nd: D. Ebert

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Audrey Prior. Next Meeting date & time: Feb. 15, 2021; 7:00 p.m.; Town Clerk's Office