

North Hampton Agricultural Commission

**Meeting Minutes: 10/17/2022**                      **FINAL**

**Present:** Audrey Prior (Chair), Joan Ganotis (Vice Chair), Dieter Ebert, Pollyanna Ford (alternate)

**Absent:** Hank Brandt, Phil Thayer, Cheryl Kasztejna (alternate)

1. Opened meeting at 7:04 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:

**Motion:** To approve the minutes from 9/19/2022 as amended.

1<sup>st</sup>: D. Ebert

2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Ganotis

Motion passed unanimously

3. Old Business

3a. Community Garden: A. Prior received an email from Allyson Ryder, the Community Garden Liaison, regarding theft of produce at the Community Garden. Commission members discussed the issue, and will continue to consider it over the winter. As the Community Garden is located on public conservation land, the garden is open to the public. The Agricultural Commission will look into possible signage. Lisa Cote is looking into whether the Boy Scouts can help with the installation of the pollinator garden near the Community Garden parking area, and perhaps the Boy Scouts would be willing to help install a sign as well.

The Conservation Commission did not meet in October, so the expansion has not been presented and discussed yet. A. Prior will request that it be on the November Conservation Commission agenda. After reviewing the remaining budget for Fiscal Year 2023 and the amount of funds available in the Agricultural Fund, Commission members feel that there are sufficient funds to do the expansion project. P. Ford said that she may be able to help with the expansion as well.

3b. Newsletter articles/"Interview with a Farmer" project: The next newsletter will be the winter newsletter, which is usually due in January with publication in February. C. Kasztejna and P. Ford will work on the article.

3c. Annual Report 2022: J. Ganotis prepared a draft of the annual report. Commission members reviewed the draft and made a few revisions. A. Prior and J. Ganotis will prepare a new draft for review at the next meeting.

3d. Goals for 2023: Commission members should start thinking about goals and projects for 2023.

4. New Business

4a. Next meeting dates: The next meeting would be November 21<sup>st</sup>, which falls on the week of Thanksgiving. As the Agricultural Commission does not have anything that needs to be addressed in November, commission members agreed to set December 19<sup>th</sup> as the next meeting date. If the Conservation Commission gives permission for the expansion, the Agricultural Commission will set a meeting in November to specifically discuss that project.

5. Adjournment

**Motion:** Adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup>: A. Prior

2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Ganotis

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Audrey Prior. Next meeting: December 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.; North Hampton Town Clerk's Office