

Meeting Minutes: 10/18/2021 **DRAFT**

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

1. Opened meeting at 7:10 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion: To approve the minutes from 9/20/2021 as amended.

1st: J. Ganotis

2nd: D. Ebert

Motion passed unanimously

3. Old Business

3a. Community Garden: The Agricultural Commission had previously discussed measuring all of the garden plots to see whether sizing is consistent, as the plots were not all created at the same time. Commissioners had decided that this activity was best done in the fall, so as not to take up parking and space at the garden during the busy summer season. The commissioners decided that this is still something that should be done. In lieu of a November meeting of the Agricultural Commission, the commission has scheduled a work day at the garden. This will take place on **Saturday November 13, 2021 at 10:00am at the North Hampton Community Garden**, located on Exeter Road/Rte 111 across from Dearborn Park.

The Agricultural Commission is still considering expanding the garden in the future. The commission did not have the funds to do the expansion this fall, but is hoping that it may be feasible in the fall of 2022.

3b. Master plan goals: A. Prior suggested bringing materials to smother the weeds around the blueberry bushes at the Community Garden to the work day in November so that this task can be accomplished during that time period as well.

3c. Newsletter articles/"Interview with a Farmer" project: The submission for the winter newsletter article is usually due in January. L. Cote plans to conduct at least one interview by that time to use in the article. The commission will ask farmers for photos to submit with the articles as well.

4. New Business

4a. Meeting Location: The commission discussed whether the meeting location should be changed to the new NHPL building now that it is open. Several members had visited the new library building and looked at the meeting rooms. The commission decided to remain at the North Hampton Town Clerk's office as the space is larger and the commission has been using the space for meetings for a long time.

4b. Barn Tour and Talk: The North Hampton Historical Society reached out to J. Ganotis regarding the Barn talk and tour that was previously planned for 2020 but was postponed due to the pandemic. The Historical Society is interested in holding the barn tour in 2022 and said that they will begin planning for it in January of 2022. Commission members expressed interest in assisting with this project.

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 7: 41 p.m.

1st: L. Cote

2nd: J. Ganotis

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Audrey Prior. Work Day to be held November 13, 2021; 10:00am; North Hampton Community Garden
Next Meeting date & time: December 20, 2021; 7:00 p.m.; North Hampton Town Clerk's Office