

Present: Audrey Prior (Chair), Joan Ganotis (Vice Chair), Dieter Ebert, Hank Brandt, Lisa Cote (alternate), and Cindy Jenkins (alternate); **Absent:** Phil Thayer, Walter Nordstrom (alternate), Bobbi Burns (non-member, secretary)

1. Opened meeting at 6:07 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion: To approve the minutes from 09/21/2020.

1st: A. Prior

2nd: J. Ganotis

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Old Business

3a. Meeting location: Starting in November the Agricultural Commission will resume meeting at the Town Clerk's Office with meetings starting at 7:00pm.

3b. Community Garden: Members of the Agricultural Commission expressed how wonderful the garden has looked this year and how successful the growing season appears to have been. The commission discussed several items raised by the members of the community garden, including signage, mowing, and where to relocate compost and other materials. Further discussion will be necessary to address these items. As an option for signage A. Prior is looking into the cost of a small waterproof enclosure that the gardeners would be able to use to post notices, rules, or anything else of importance. The commission also discussed the use of the community garden parking area by members of the public not associated with the community garden and how best to identify these vehicles to the gardeners, such as by asking for a name and purpose for being there to be placed on the dashboard of the vehicle.

3c. Land Use Summit: A. Prior and D. Ebert attended the Land Use Summit as representatives from the Agricultural Commission. They presented a summary of what was discussed at the summit and how the topics brought up by the other boards may impact agriculture in town.

4. New Business

4a. Coastal Adaptation Master Plan Chapter Steering Committee update: The kickoff meeting is to take place on Oct. 21st. A. Prior is the appointed representative from the Agricultural Commission and will provide and update on progress made at the next meeting.

4b. Conservation commission request: The Conservation Commission is working on an updated Natural Resource Inventory. They contacted the Agricultural Commission to see if it would be possible to include a list of farms in North Hampton as one part of the NRI focuses on agriculture. The commission discussed this request but was unable to fulfill it as no such list is maintained.

The Agricultural Commission also discussed the potential to work with the Conservation Commission in assisting owners of agricultural properties to protect their land in its agricultural state using easements.

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

1st: D. Ebert

2nd: J. Ganotis

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Audrey Prior. Next Meeting date & time: Nov. 16, 2020; 7:00 p.m.; Town Clerk's Office