

North Hampton Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes - 11/18/19 - Draft

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NORTH HAMPTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - 11/18/19 - DRAFT

Present: Dieter Ebert (Chair), Audrey Prior (Vice Chair), Joan Ganotis, Lisa Cote (Alternate), Hank Brandt, Aimee Margolis (non-member). Absent: Cindy Jenkins, Walter Nordstrom (Alternate), Bobbi Burns (non-member, secretary)

Opened meeting at 7:29 p.m.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve minutes from 10/21/19

1st: L. Cote

2nd: A. Prior

Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Community Garden and rules - Rules have been sent to Brian and then on to Select Board for approval. There is no update on the community garden clean-up.

b. Ag Comm brochure - Audrey passed out the new brochures, and they look very professional. We discussed where in town they would be distributed, and Audrey, Joan and Lisa will disseminate them.

c. Agritourism conference - Hank reported the conference held on November 4 was very useful. The focus on agritourism is to showcase your products through events which will lead to buyers for your farm products. He had a lengthy chat with Commissioner Jasper who informed him that appeals from any agriculture zoning issues are referred to his (the Commissioner's) office, not the Supreme Court. This should be beneficial to agricultural interests since someone knowledgeable about agricultural issues will be making the final decision.

d. Annual report - J. Ganotis will draft our 2019 annual report for review next month. Hank suggested we add some of the zoning changes that will affect agricultural properties.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Barn Survey Report - J. Ganotis had two quotes from Staples and New England Printing for printing 5 spiral bound copies of our approximately 355-page report as well as providing a flashdrive. New England Printing was considerably lower in price.

Motion: Approve printing 5 bound copies and a flashdrive of our barn survey report at New England Printing for approximately \$454.

1st: H. Brandt

2nd: L. Cote

Motion passed unanimously.

b. Barn trolley tour - The 10/17 meeting with the Heritage Commission was postponed. The Historical Society sent J. Ganotis an email expressing their desire to co-sponsor a barn trolley tour with the Agricultural Commission. We will be invited to their January meeting to discuss the details further.

c. Barn expert presentation - Once we decide on a date for the barn trolley tour, we can discuss scheduling our barn expert presentation as a lead-in to the barn tour.

d. UNH Farm to Table/Local Retail Agricultural Production - H. Brandt reported on this free program on November 7 which showcased all that UNH does in the agricultural world. For almost every agricultural question, there is someone at UNH who has the answer. They also have a full pathology lab which will provide a full workup for \$30.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

1st: D. Ebert

2nd: J. Ganotis

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by J. Ganotis. Next Meeting: Monday, December 16, 2019; 7 p.m.; Town Clerk's Office