

NORTH HAMPTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - 12/17/18 - DRAFT

Present: Dieter Ebert (Chair), Cindy Jenkins, Lisa Cote, Joan Ganotis and Hank Brandt

Absent: David Buchanan, Walter Nordstrom (alternate) and Bobbi Burns (non member, secretary)

Opened meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Previous meeting minutes

Motion: Approve minutes from 11/18/18 as amended

1st: C. Jenkins

2nd: H. Brandt

Motion passed unanimously

Old Business

a. School Greenhouse - Lisa had asked that the 11/18/18 meeting minutes be corrected to show that the \$250. grant had been applied for, not yet received. The Greenhouse Committee has been very active and has come up with a 2019 vegetable planting schedule for all grades. Plants will be started by seed in the classrooms and then grown on in the greenhouse.

b. Barn Survey - Joan reported on a new contact and that she will be finalizing the barn survey results to date in 2019. The Commission agreed on making 6 copies of the report. Joan also reported that one of the barns previously surveyed with a large hole in the roof now has been tarped for winter protection.

c. Community Garden - Cindy reported that David brought the trash/old fencing to Hank's dumpster for disposal. While Hank did not want to compete with the community garden, he will have several 1/2 acre plots for more extensive growing in 2019.

e. Accessory structure ordinance - This was discussed out of order. Dieter had sent members copies of the current proposed ordinance. We discussed the revised wording from the former rear of the property to "no closer to a public road than the principal structure on that lot." Apparently a raised septic system has now been defined as a structure and thus cannot be in front of the house/principal structure without a conditional use permit. Members are still struggling with setbacks and building sizes for agricultural uses which have been included with all other uses. Dieter, Cindy and possibly Hank will be attending the Planning Board public hearing on 12/18/18 where this ordinance will be discussed.

d. Master plan draft Ag section - Dieter reported that he had contacted the New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) for advice. He will contact them again after the holidays for further guidance. Joan reported on a very productive meeting she and Cindy had with Jenn Rowden of the Rockingham Planning Commission on 11/29/18. Joan and Cindy plan to attend the Planning Board Long Range Planning meeting on 12/20/18 where updates to the Master Plan will continue to be discussed.

Dieter had to leave at 8:35 p.m. and advised us to continue the meeting.

New Business

Hoop house - Joan asked if anything had progressed on the sale of the hoop house. Cindy said she needed to get the exact dimensions before placing an ad. Members had suggestions as to where to place ads to reach prospective buyers.

Farmers Market - Hank reported SELT has signed an agreement. It appears he will be moving forward with plans for a farmstand and Farmers Market.

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

1st: L. Cote

2nd: H. Brandt

Motion passed unanimously

Submitted by J. Ganotis

Next meeting: January 21, 2019; 7 p.m.; Town Clerk's Office