

Meeting Minutes: 12/20/2021 **DRAFT**

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

1. Opened meeting at 7:09 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion: To approve the minutes from 10/18/2021 as written.

1st: D. Ebert

2nd: J. Ganotis

Motion passed unanimously

Motion: To approve the minutes from 11/13/2021 as written.

1st: L. Cote

2nd: J. Ganotis

Motion passed unanimously

3. Old Business

3a. Community Garden: In November A. Prior, J. Ganotis, and L. Cote met during the work day to measure the plots at the community garden. The results of this exercise showed a range of widths and lengths of plots throughout the garden. Commission members decided that, when describing plot sizes to new gardeners, it should be mentioned that plot sizes are approximate. The commission will not be taking any actions regarding plot size at the Community Garden at this time.

3b. Newsletter articles/"Interview with a Farmer" project: The submission for the winter newsletter article will be due on January 24, 2022. L. Cote asked the commission if anyone had suggestions for questions that should be asked or topics that could be covered in the interviews. L. Cote suggested asking farmers to summarize month by month what activities occur on their farm. P. Ford said that her goal with this project is to help people understand what goes into producing agricultural products, as many people don't understand the resources that go into the products that they consume. Commission members decided that it might be best to leave the interviews open ended and see what farmers want to share, and what they would like the public to know about what they do. L. Cote is planning to reach out to Josh Andrews from Governor Dale Farm, and will interview P. Ford as well.

4. New Business

4a. Annual Report: The Annual Report is due January 8, 2022. J. Ganotis will prepare a draft and A. Prior will send out the draft for notes from the rest of the commission members.

4b. Barn Tour and Talk: The Barn Talk has been tentatively scheduled for August 18, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. The Barn Tour is tentatively planned for September 2022. J. Ganotis has reached out to barn owners to see if they are still interested in participating and having their barns toured.

4c. North Hampton School Greenhouse: The school greenhouse is going to be growing squash vertically to teach children a new technique for growing squash with a smaller footprint.

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

1st: A. Prior

2nd: J. Ganotis

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Audrey Prior. Next Meeting date & time: January 17, 2021; 7:00 p.m.; North Hampton Town Clerk's Office