

North Hampton Agricultural Commission

**Meeting Minutes: 2/18/20 FINAL**

**Present:** Dieter Ebert (Chair), Audrey Prior (Vice-Chair), Joan Ganotis, Lisa Cote (alternate), and Bobbi Burns (non member, secretary)

**Absent:** Hank Brandt, Cindy Jenkins, and Walter Nordstrom (alternate)

Opened meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Previous Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Approve minutes from 1/21/20 as amended

1<sup>st</sup>: J. Ganotis

2<sup>nd</sup>: L. Cote

Motion passed, 4:0

Community Garden– Rules and waiver form finalized and approved by Select Board. Garden rentals will be collected at the annual garden meeting. Any individuals who do not pay at that time will need to pay at the town hall. A list of gardeners will be provided to town hall for tracking.

Barn Survey – Barn survey is available at the Library and on-line. Original document was provided to the Historical Society.

Funding – If the Ag article passes in March, the Commission will be able to collect funds through donations, by retaining any unspent budget and through fund raising.

Old Home Day – Barn talk and bus tour are planned. Speaker is scheduled.

**Motion:** Expend funds to support the talk and tour, not to exceed \$400.

1<sup>st</sup>: A. Prior

2<sup>nd</sup>: D. Ebert

Motion passed, 4:0

School Greenhouse – The heat has been turned on. With a budget of \$800 for heat, decision has been made to heat in the spring and shut down in the fall once funds have been expended.

Farm & Forestry Expo – J. Ganotis attended. Theresa Walker, Durham Ag Com led a discussion for Agricultural Commissions. Suggestions included an annual farm day where the public visits local farms; a program for schools – “NH Agriculture in the Classroom”; and bringing farm animals to school. There are now 25 Agricultural Commissions in the state.

2020 Agricultural Goal Efforts – L. Cote will contact the Library about scheduling a “Read to a Chicken” event. L. Cote will provide the chicken(s). This will be part of the outreach and education goal.

Adjournment

**Motion:** Adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup>: J. Ganotis

2<sup>nd</sup>: L. Cote

Motion passed, 4:0

Submitted by B. Burns. Next Meeting: Monday, March 16, 2020; 7 p.m.; Town Clerk's Office