

North Hampton Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes: 4/16/18 FINAL

Present: Dieter Ebert (Chair), Hank Brandt, Bobbi Burns, Lisa Cote, Joan Ganotis, Cindy Jenkins, Walter Nordstrom (alternate), and David Buchanan (member of the public)

Opened meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes from 3/19/18 as amended

1st: J. Ganotis

2nd: D. Ebert

Motion passed unanimously.

Community Garden (CG) – 14 attended annual info session. 4 half gardens required for new gardeners. C. Jenkins and W. Nordstrom will put in the new gardens. A few trees may be moved in the process. Clean up day scheduled for 4/22/18. C. Jenkins has 2 people interested in purchasing the hoop house. \$300 price discussed. Approval required from Select Board to sell. C. Jenkins will contact gardeners to determine if they are amenable to a test garden for plants to attract beneficial insects. Parking area has been trenched. C Jenkins will contact town public works to get this fixed. C. Jenkins contacting mosquito spraying company to ensure CG is not sprayed.

Barn Survey – J. Ganotis and team reviewed 5 properties, including an “English” style barn with doors on the sides. Ag Com reviewed initial results which include beautiful pictures and significant detail on each barn and history. More letters were mailed which are receiving positive response.

School Greenhouse – School agreed to pay for the fix to the roof. H. Brandt will get an estimate. School may want to wait until June for actual fix.

Farmers’ Market – Letter of support drafted and will be held until H. Brandt moves project forward.

Regulations – “Local Regulation of Agriculture Toolkit” is being reviewed at the annual NH Planning Board and ZBA training. C. Jenkins will touch base with a Planning Board member to see if she and the member can attend. List of ordinances to be reviewed this year will be determined at next Planning Board meeting.

Other – David Buchanan expressed interest in joining Ag Com. Ag Com welcomes the addition!

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 8:43 p.m.

1st: D. Ebert

2nd: W. Nordstrom

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by B. Burns. Next Meeting: Monday, May 21, 2018; 7:00 pm, Town Clerk’s Office