

North Hampton Agricultural Commission

**Meeting Minutes: 5/17/2021**

**FINAL**

**Present:** Audrey Prior (Chair), Joan Ganotis (Vice Chair), Pollyanna Ford (member of the public). **Absent:** Phil Thayer, Hank Brandt, Dieter Ebert, Lisa Cote (alternate), Walter Nordstrom (alternate), Bobbi Burns (non-member, secretary)

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

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the 4/19/2021 meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Agricultural Commission.

3. Old Business

3a. Community Garden: All plots at the North Hampton Community Garden are filled and there is currently a waitlist. Current gardeners have expressed interest in renting additional plots as well. The water has been turned on at the garden. A. Prior will follow up with the Dept. of Public Works to determine if there is a mowing schedule for the Community Garden so that the gardeners can know when to expect the town to be there with its mowing equipment. Payment and waivers have been received by nearly all of the gardeners. A. Prior will be following up with those who have not yet submitted payment.

3b. Master plan goals: The NHPL Landscape Advisory Committee has not had another meeting yet. A. Prior and L. Cote will provide updates.

The Agricultural Commission brochure is almost complete. Only one picture needs to be changed out. P. Ford offered to provide photos. A. Prior will incorporate the new photos and provide a final draft for review at the next meeting.

3c. Land Use Boards Meeting: Commission members discussed possible topics for discussion at the annual land use boards meeting. Suggestions included the Agricultural Soils maps, and current activities of the Agricultural Commission, such as the status of the Community Garden, working with the North Hampton Public Library on edible landscaping, and progress towards master plan goals. A. Prior will organize these into two to three points to be discussed at the land use boards meeting.

4. New Business

4a. Community Newsletter: The Community Newsletter submission deadline is May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Commission members decided to submit “fun facts” related to agriculture and gardening for this newsletter, along with a schedule of Farmers’ Markets and fairs for summer 2021. This newsletter edition is distributed at the end of June.

Adjournment

**Motion:** Adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

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

2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Ganotis

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Audrey Prior. Next Meeting date & time: June 21, 2021; 7:00 p.m.; North Hampton Town Clerk’s Office