

North Hampton Agricultural Commission

**Meeting Minutes: 6/15/20 FINAL**

**Present:** Audrey Prior (Chair), Joan Ganotis (Vice-Chair), Hank Brandt, Phil Thayer, Lisa Cote (alternate), Walter Nordstrom (alternate), Bobbi Burns (non member, secretary), and Kathy Kilgore (member of the public)

**Absent:** Dieter Ebert and Cindy Jenkins

Opened meeting at 6:01 p.m. which occurred at Governor Dale Farm

Previous Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Approve minutes from 5/18/20 as amended

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

2<sup>nd</sup>: A. Prior

Motion passed, 5:0

Membership – D. Ebert and P. Thayer were approved as members by the Select Board. D. Padulo decided against taking the alternate spot. C. Jenkins agreed to fill it.

**Motion:** Recommend C. Jenkins for the open alternate position.

1<sup>st</sup>: L. Cote

2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Thayer

Motion passed, 6:0

Community Garden– Gardeners will continue to mow between gardens with a hand mower.

Given timing, sunflowers field will be planted next year. H. Brandt is getting pricing to have the area plowed and disced, in preparation for tilling and planting next year.

J. Ganotis weeded the blueberry bushes across the street. She will water if necessary, but overall they look healthy.

Old Home Day – Barn talk is scheduled for 8/6/20 and tour for 9/28/20. J. Ganotis will check with NH Humanities (funding source), town administrator (approval to use the Town Hall), Historical Society, and Mr. Porter (speaker) to determine if all are in agreement as to moving forward given Covid 19 concerns.

Budget – As of fiscal year beginning July 1, Agricultural Commission will be able to accumulate unused funds for future use. Discussed potential cost of field prep work for sunflower planting as an added cost next year.

School Garden – 8<sup>th</sup> graders received tomato bags. Weeding was done. Outdoor garden is growing potatoes and onions.

Outreach – L. Cote will propose “read to a chicken” day at the library. K. Kilgore provided name of new children’s librarian.

Farmer’s Market – Governor Dale Farm received approval to move forward. Farmer’s Market manager needed.

Adjournment

**Motion:** Adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

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

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

Motion passed, 6:0

Submitted by B. Burns. Next Meeting: Monday, July 20, 2020; 6 p.m.; Governor Dale Farm