

North Hampton Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes: 7/15/19 DRAFT

Present: David Buchanan (Vice-Chair), Joan Ganotis, Audrey Prior, Walter Nordstrom (alternate), Lisa Cote (alternate), and Bobbi Burns (non member, secretary) **Absent:** Dieter Ebert (Chair), Hank Brandt, and Cindy Jenkins

Opened meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes from 6/17/19

1st: J. Ganotis

2nd: A. Prior

Motion passed unanimously.

Master Plan Draft Ag Chapter– Scheduled for final approval at Planning Board on 7/16/19.

Funding – Town Administrator is planning to review with Select Board and expects no issues with proposed Warrant Article to allow for the accumulation of funds from year to year.

Barn Survey – 3 more surveys were completed for a total of 41 barns. Sagamore was included in this last round.

Community Garden – Need to establish a system for maintaining a waiting list, rules for gardeners, release forms which gardeners sign, and possibly a status board at the garden itself. D. Buchanan suggested we review the website for the national organization for community gardens to get ideas. A. Prior agreed to draft a release form and rules to be reviewed at the next meeting. Issue with gardeners allowing plots to become weedy, impacting other plots. Re-iterated that pricing is \$40 for a full plot and \$25 for a half.

Fruit Trees – Blueberry bushes doing well. D. Buchanan has continues to water. Discussed need for a small sign indicating sponsored by Ag Com and the purpose of them being there.

Motion: Reimburse B. Burns \$86.97 for 3 blueberry bushes.

1st: L. Cote

2nd: W. Nordstrom

Motion passed unanimously.

School Greenhouse – L. Cote reported that a butterfly garden was put in with moneys provided by the Rye Garden Club.

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

1st: L. Cote

2nd: J. Gonatis

Motion passed unanimously

Submitted by B. Burns. Next Meeting: Monday, Aug. 19, 2019; 7 p.m.; Town Clerk's Office