

**Present:** Audrey Prior (Chair), Joan Ganotis (Vice Chair), Dieter Ebert, Lisa Cote (member of the public), Cheryl Kasztejna (member of the public)

**Absent:** Hank Brandt, Phil Thayer, Pollyanna Ford (alternate)

1. Opened meeting at 7:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:

**Motion:** To approve the minutes from 6/20/2022 as amended.

1<sup>st</sup>: D. Ebert

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

Motion passed unanimously

3. Old Business

3a. Community Garden: The community garden seems to be running smoothly, A. Prior has not received word of any new issues. It is uncertain whether the town has been mowing around the exterior of the garden, but the gardeners seem to be handling it. The commission discussed adding aesthetic standards for the expansion of the community garden in order to better control the appearance, especially given the higher visibility of the lower portion of the property from I-95. Plot and path sizes will definitely need to be standardized. It is unclear whether the complaints identified at the Land Use Boards Annual Meeting are lingering from years past, when trash was much more of an issue at the garden, or if these are new complaints. The commission will continue to monitor the issue. A. Prior will reach out to H. Brandt and P. Thayer about contacts for getting quotes for the expansion.

3b. Goals for 2022: The commission will consider updating the brochure this fall, possibly incorporating information on barns to coordinate with the Barn Talk and Barn Tour.

3c. Barn Tour and Talk: A flyer has been created for the Barn Talk and has been distributed to various media sites. J. Ganotis is working with the North Hampton Historical Society (NHHS) to publicize the event. Flyers will be posted in town buildings and local businesses along with digital distribution. The question was raised about whether masks would be required during the Barn Talk. It has been determined that whatever the protocol is at the Town Hall at the time of the talk will be the protocol followed. At this time, no masks are required to be worn in the Town Hall, therefore no masks would be required during the Barn Talk. This may change within the next month. Anyone who wishes to wear a mask is welcome to. Mr. John Porter has supplied the town with an invoice so that a check can be issued for his fees at the time of the Barn Talk. The NH Humanities grant is covering the speaker fee and the Agricultural Commission is covering mileage. The Agricultural Commission is also supplying refreshments.

**Motion:** To authorize the expenditure of \$60 to pay Mr. Porter's mileage fee.

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

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

Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** To authorize J. Ganotis to expend up to \$50 to purchase refreshments and print materials for the Barn Talk.

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

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

Motion passed unanimously.

3d. Newsletter articles/“Interview with a Farmer” project: No new information.

3e. Membership: C. Kasztejna attended the meeting to find out more about the Agricultural Commission. Members provided an overview of what the Agricultural Commission does, including managing the Community Garden, educating the public about agriculture, and writing articles for the Community Newsletter. C. Kasztejna described her work with the North Hampton School Greenhouse and the NHS Greenhouse Stewards, and how the School Greenhouse and the Agricultural Commission may be able to collaborate on educational opportunities.

**Motion:** To recommend to the Select Board the appointment of Cheryl Kasztejna as an alternate member for a 1-year term.

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

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The Agricultural Commission has one additional alternate position available. A. Prior will ask the town to post the open position.

#### 4. New Business

None

#### 5. Adjournment

**Motion:** Adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

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

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Audrey Prior. Next Meeting date & time: August 15, 2022; 7:00 p.m.; North Hampton Town Clerk’s Office