

North Hampton Agricultural Commission

**Meeting Minutes: 7/20/20 DRAFT**

**Present:** Audrey Prior (Chair), Joan Ganotis (Vice-Chair), Phil Thayer, Lisa Cote (alternate), Cindy Jenkins (alternate), and Bobbi Burns (non member, secretary)

**Absent:** Dieter Ebert, Hank Brandt, and Walter Nordstrom (alternate)

Opened meeting at 6:07 p.m. at Governor Dale Farm

Previous Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Approve minutes from 6/15/20 as amended

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

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

Motion passed, 5:0

Membership – C. Jenkins was approved as an alternate.

Community Garden– Some concern of tomato blight. C. Jenkins couldn't see any signs of it, but will suggest gardeners use NH Coop Ext as a source for identifying and finding suggestions for correcting plant issues. Voles and rabbits are present in large numbers since the DPW removed a pile of plant debris. C. Jenkins will suggest ammonia soaked rags to deter pests. Group discussed ensuring future debris piles are in areas easily accessible to DPW for removal. Gardeners have created a composting bin system which may cut down on debris.

Re-visited role of a Community Garden Liaison. Duties include working with the gardeners to determine their needs and ideas for enhancements. Requests/suggestions will be brought to the Ag Com via in person visits or email. A. Prior will speak with Allyson Ryder about taking on this role. Preference is for a gardener who lives in town.

Old Home Day (Goal 1) – Barn talk and tour rescheduled for next year to due to Covid concerns.

School Garden (Goal 2) – Significant planting occurred with some still to go. Due to closing down her own business, L. Cote has generously offered supplies for the greenhouse.

Outreach (Goals 2 & 5) – L. Cote is scheduled to bring a chicken to the library for "Read to a Chicken" day.

Town Newsletter (Goal 1) – P. Thayer described a till free garden process that he has been utilizing for years. It includes laying down cardboard and creating ground level raised beds. He finds that it virtually eliminates weeds. He will write this up for submission to the town newsletter.

Brochure (Goal 1) – Needs updating

Land Use Summit (Goal 1) – A. Prior and J. Ganotis in contact with Planning Bd to determine how/if it will occur this year.

Edible Landscaping (Goal 2) – A. Prior will email Library Trustees to suggest edible landscaping be considered in their plans for the landscaping of the new library.

Adjournment

**Motion:** Adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Motion passed, 5:0

Submitted by B. Burns. Next Meeting: Monday, August 17, 2020; 6 p.m.; Governor Dale Farm