

North Hampton Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes: 8/17/20 FINAL

Present: Audrey Prior (Chair), Hank Brandt, Phil Thayer, Lisa Cote (alternate), Cindy Jenkins (alternate), Bobbi Burns (non member, secretary), and Amy Margolis (member of the public)

Absent: Joan Ganotis (Vice-Chair), Dieter Ebert, and Walter Nordstrom (alternate)

Opened meeting at 6:04 p.m. at Governor Dale Farm

Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes from 7/20/20

1st: A. Prior

2nd: L. Cote

Motion passed, 4:0

Membership – C. Jenkins needs to be sworn in.

Community Garden– L. Cote found the garden looking great. Blueberry bushes may be dead, but the ones at Dearborn are doing well (after weeding by L. Cote.) L. Cote will add perennials at CG. Shrubbery is overgrown and shading gardens. A. Prior will contact DOT about trimming. A. Prior spoke with Allyson Ryder about the role of liaison. She’s willing to do it. As part of the role, she will try to organize community chores and ways of sharing produce. CG will be able to sell at Governor Dale farm stand. A preliminary estimate was received for plowing and harrowing approximately 3 acres. Plan is to plant sunflowers next year and then divide into additional plots as demand warrants. Plan is subject to budget approval.

Outreach (Goals 2 & 5) – “Read to a Chicken” day is being rescheduled.

Town Newsletter (Goal 1) – P Thayer’s article on no till gardening is planned for fall newsletter.

Land Use Summit (Goal 1) – Tentatively scheduled for 9/23. A Prior and D. Ebert will attend. Ag Com contribution will include update on Farmers’ Market and edible landscaping.

Edible Landscaping (Goal 2) – A. Prior contacted the library. The idea was well received. Library requested assistance from Ag Com. A. Prior and B. Burns volunteered.

Budget – Due to town by 9/7. Due to plan for plowing/harrowing, the budget request will be increased by \$500.

Motion: Propose budget of \$2,000 for next year.

1st: A. Prior

2nd: L. Cote

Motion passed, 4:0

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

1st: P. Thayer

2nd: A. Prior

Motion passed, 4:0

Submitted by B. Burns. Next Meeting: Monday, September 21, 2020; 6 p.m.; Governor Dale Farm