

North Hampton Agriculture Commission

**Meeting Minutes: 03/21/16 FINAL**

**Present:** Cindy Jenkins (Chair), Bobbi Burns, Lisa Cote, Dieter Ebert, and Walter Nordstrom

Opened meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Previous Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Approve minutes from 11/16/15

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

2<sup>nd</sup>: W. Nordstrom

Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Approve minutes from 11/23/15

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

2<sup>nd</sup>: W. Nordstrom

Motion passed unanimously.

Accessory Building Ordinance - D. Ebert reported on meeting with Planning Board. He presented the Agricultural Commission proposal from 11/23/15. After review, the Planning board decided to table the topic until further review.

Other Planning Board Business – D. Ebert reported that the Planning Board is considering a 25 ft no disturbance vegetative buffer to wetlands. Discussion ensued regarding negative impact to agricultural lands.

Town Elections – Discussion regarding possible negative impact to furthering agricultural barns due to the new town regulation requiring special permit for agricultural buildings in the front of properties.

Election of Officers – Tabled until next meeting.

Community Garden – 24 whole plots available (or 48 half plots). 6 veteran gardeners and 8 new have signed up, mostly whole plots. Discussion ensued regarding putting new gardeners in slots which will consolidate the area with occupied gardens, leaving open space easier to mow.

L. Cote noted that a survey done by the Rockingham Master Gardeners showed that only 8 communities in the county have community gardens.

Discussion ensued as to what to do with the hoop house. Decided input required from gardeners.

L. Cote and C. Jenkins will hold a meeting at the Library for all gardeners. Goals of the meeting include seeking a volunteer who will take charge of the running of the community garden in exchange for a plot. Rules will be reviewed;

- Use of compost pile
- Leave no trash behind
- Where to leave rocks, branches removed from soil
- Recoil hose when done (for ease of mowing)

Action Items:

Reserve room at Library. – L. Cote

Notify gardeners of meeting – C. Jenkins

Put sign-up sheet in Hampton and Exeter Libraries – L. Cote

Create sign for where to put rocks – unassigned

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Review whether or not to purchase a small rototiller – next agriculture meeting

Adjournment

**Motion:** Adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

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

2<sup>nd</sup>: W. Nordstrom

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by B. Burns

Next Meeting: TBD