

North Hampton Agriculture Commission

**Meeting Minutes: 2/22/17 FINAL**

**Present:** Dieter Ebert (Chair), Hank Brandt, Bobbi Burns, Lisa Cote, Joan Ganotis, and Walter Nordstrom

**Absent:** Cindy Jenkins

Opened meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Previous Meeting Minutes - November 2016 minutes not yet available for approval.

**Motion:** Approve minutes from 12/19/16 as amended.

1<sup>st</sup>: H. Brandt

2<sup>nd</sup>: L. Cote

Motion passed unanimously.

Community Garden (CG) - 2017 pricing; \$40 for a double plot and \$25 for a single. Joan will put up a flyer at Winterfest. Flyer will remind people of the historical significance of CGs which were often Victory Gardens in support of WWII. Hank has a 36" tiller which he's lend if the current tiller can't make it through the year. Tiller will be available to gardeners for their own use. Lisa will put up a mailbox to facilitate sharing info with and between gardeners. Water cost seems high.

Farmers Market – Hank met with NRCS and received enthusiastic support. Approval required from SELT.

275<sup>th</sup> Town Anniversary –Cindy, Joan, and Lisa did a fantastic job with an Ag Com brochure which will be displayed at Winterfest. Planning has started for a Tractor show to be held at the Airport on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. A flyer will be displayed at Winterfest to begin promoting the event.

Membership – All members have been re-approved by the selectmen and need to be re-sworn in. This gives Ag Com full membership with the ability to add up to 5 alternates. Terms are as follows.

Bobbi and Hank – expire March 2018

Lisa, Walter, and Joan – expire March 2019 (Joan already sworn in.)

Cindy and Dieter – expire March 2020

School Garden – Lisa shared an update from the last 2 meetings. A new greenhouse manager has been assigned until the end of year. Greenhouse opens on 3/1. Plant sale is scheduled for May. Students and teachers appear enthusiastic.

Barn Survey – Joan found that the town has a barn book with details of some of the town's historical barns. It appears to be a perfect format and basis for a full barn survey. Joan received a CD of the Boy Scout barn survey which will be reviewed at the March meeting.

Action Items:

Get break down of water cost at CG – B. Burns

Notify members when forms are available for swearing in – B. Burns

Adjournment

**Motion:** Adjourn at 8:54 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup>: B. Burns

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by B. Burns. Next Meeting: Monday, Mar 20, 2017; 7:00 pm, Town Hall