

## AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

### Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2014

The meeting was preceded by a talk by Hampton resident John Sokolowski on saving vegetable seeds for planting. It was attended by the commission and 8 Hampton residents. It was a comprehensive overview of the whys and hows of seed saving, with examples that John brought from his extensive gardens. It was well presented and well received.

The meeting was called to order after the presentation

The meeting was called to order at 8:35

Present were: Deb Espinosa, Bernie Block, Renee Cuprak, Mitch Beauregard, Stephanie Scionti and Morris Burr.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

#### Old business

##### Budget.

The proposed budget from the Nov. meeting was discussed. Since the last meeting Stephanie had been in touch with the Hampton Elementary School principal and she informed the commission that funds were already in place for a school garden project, so the line item in the Commission budget could be deleted. The revised budget was presented to the entire Commission and was accepted. It was felt that the budget should be looked over by the Selectmen before formal submission, owing to this being the Ag Commission's first budget..It was voted on and accepted.

Alan Cahill was present and was given the budget to look over and said that it looked in order.

School Garden. Stephanie brought the Commission up to date on her correspondence with the school and said that the school was grateful for the interest and Stephanie felt that the Commission should have a meeting with the School in advance of the spring. She would schedule the meeting.

#### New business

##### Farm Fair '14

The aim for this year would be to get more people involved in presenting at the fair and get more people to attend.

Ideas were; Signage at the Memorial Day Parade, asking local groups, like the Historical Society to have a relevant presentation or booth at the fair. A second poster competition at the elementary school. and Renee has drafted a new and improved registration for the fair.

Motion to adjourn at 9:05 Mitch, Renee seconded, moved

Submitted 1/25/14

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