

Minutes of Agriculture Commission: July 27, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m., in attendance were Jennifer Kaufman; CT advocate, Kate Donnelly; selectmen, Members; Deb Espinosa, Tim Huchthausen, Bernie Block, Larry Campion, and alt. Milton Burr.

Jennifer opened with a summary of the results of the May town meeting that passed the "right to farm " ordinance and established the Ag. Commission. She passed out a proposed agenda for the first meeting

The first order of business was election of officers. The commission selected, Deb Espinosa as chair, Tim Huchthausen , vice chair and Larry Campion , Secretary.

Deb then assumed leadership of meeting.

Hampton Grown pamphlets were shown and distributed to members to distribute throughout the community.

A schedule for further meeting was discussed and it was felt that the AGCom should meet in Oct. and then every month until March except for December due to a conflict with the Holidays. The Third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. was selected as the best day for the meetings.

Goals for the AGCom were discussed and it was felt that members should come to the next meeting with a list of goals and they could be discussed then.

Due to personal reasons Renee Cuprak felt that she would be unable to serve on the AGCom and her resignation was accepted. One new member will be needed to fill that opening and two alternates are also needed to complete the seating of the commission, Members were asked to recommend or contact Hamptonites who they felt could be asked to serve.

Deb suggested that the AGCom should meet with all appropriate committees and boards that would be addressing issues that dealt with farming and farming related topics, in order to see where the commissions input might be useful . Deb will call the P&Z to get a copy of zoning Regs to review, also look to other towns to see how their Ag commissions have dealt with those issues. The idea of inviting members of other boards and committees to the AGCom meeting was discussed.

Kate Donnelly graciously volunteered to write a press release to announce the first meeting of AGCom.

The agenda for Oct 19 ,2011 meeting was discussed and a review of the Agriculture Regs of Hampton will be discussed with an eye toward making them farm friendly if possible.

Getting the word out that the AGCom exists.

Establishing a set of attainable goals for the AGCom for the up coming year, members were asked to come to the next meeting with their ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24

Submitted 8/1/11 L.Campion, sec.