Minutes Agriculture Commission Oct 19,2011

Meeting called to order by Deb Espinosa at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance ; Deb Espinosa, Tim Hutchthausen, Larry Campion, Bernie Block, Renee Cuprak : members, Morris Burr, Judy Schenk ; alternates, Kate Donnelly, selectman Guests: Kevin Lindell, Canterbury ag commission; Martha Fraenkel, Kevin Grindle, Hampton Planning and Zoning.

Minutes of the last meeting were submitted. Bernie moved that they be accepted . Tim seconded and the motion was passed unamamously.

The status of the Hampton Grown Brochure was discussed.

Guests were introduced.

Kevin Lindell made a presentation of the work of the Canterbury Ag Commission has been doing for the past year, highlighting successes and failures. Successes were review of P&Z regs in reguard to agriculture, helping to facilitate developement rights of Mark Christiansen farm, "meet your neighbor/ farmer night, awareness of jobs in agriculture in schools. Failures were Farm tours in conjunction with Walktober, and establishment of farmers market.

Martha Fraenkel and Kevin Grindel passed out copies of the draft P&Z reg changes as applying to Farming.

They stressed that the P&Z board was eager to work with the Ag commission to in drafting these new regs. Members asked questions concerning farmers markets and other regs. The commission was invited to the open meeting on Oct. 24 to give input into the new regs.

New members were welcomed, Renee Cuprak has reconsidered and accepted appointment to the commission, Judy Schenk has agreed to serve as an alternate. One alternate is still needed to fill the commission.

Announcements were made concerning Canterbury Ag Commission sponsered Walktober event, and Agvocate Workshop on Nov. 29 in Canterbury.

Future Agenda: next meeting 11/16/11 @ 7pm

P&Z regs

Bats, Bernie will give information on benifits of bats and their place in agriculture Grants and funding, Tim felt that the commission should aid Hampton residents in being made aware of possible monies available for Ag from various sources. The commission will investigate that at the next meeting.

All members felt that there was not enough time after the next scheduled meeting for the P&Z to properly deal with any input that the Ag commission formulated. A special meeting was agreed upon for Nov.2, 2011 at 7pm to deal with P&Z reg changes as pertaining to agriculture.

At 8:28 Deb moved for adjornment, Bernie seconded and the motion passed unanamously.