

Minutes AgComm meeting 1/18/2012

Community Room, Hampton Town Hall

Meeting called to order by Deb Espinosa at 7:02pm,

Present were; Deb, Tim Huchthausen, Bernie Block, Renee Cuprak, Larry Campion: members, Morris Burr: alternates and Alan Cahill ; selectman. Also present were guests Ray Covino, USDA and Randy Thompson , Hampton Conservation Commission.

Old business

Secretary read minutes and were accepted.

New Business

1) Ray Covino was present and was scheduled to speak but through mix up was left off the printed agenda.

A motion to amend the agenda to include Mr Covino was made and passed.

Ray Covino spoke to the commission about what the USDA had to offer the farmers of Hampton.

He stressed the fact that awareness of the programs of the USDA was a major factor that the town of Hampton could help with, both from the elected officials and the AGComm. He spoke of the USDA's purpose especially aiding small and emerging farms with a variety of conservation and infrastructure programs. He wanted the town to be ready to refer inquires to him at the USDA.

2) Goals for the AGComm for 2012.

a) "meet the farmer" planning, ideas would be presented by members next meeting.

b) list of possible end users of the AGComm, gathering a list of Hampton residents to enable the AGComm to Email them with pertinent information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

submitted 1/25/2012 L Campion