

Minutes of Ag Com meeting 1/16/201

Small Meeting Room, Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Present: Deb Espinosa, Renee Cuprak, Tim Huchthausen, Larry Campion, Mitch Beauregard, and Alan Cahill

Minutes from Oct meeting were read and accepted

Old business,

Name for "Ag Day", it was felt that the name Ag Day was lacking, and a new name was necessary, suggestions from the members were read and comments were made on what we wanted to convey with the name. It was felt that the name of the Town should be included, and the word Farm or Farmer should also be in the name. Renee thought that the word Fair conveyed a festive connotation. Other phrases were suggested. In the end "Hampton Farm Fair" was agreed upon as meeting all our requirements. The name was voted on and passed unanimously.

The date, It was felt that last years AgDay timing was very good, so this year the Fair will be held on Sunday July 14 from 2 to 5 pm, subject to availability of town hall grounds and Grange.

It was suggested that local and state elected representatives and Joe Courtney be invited.

Goals for 2013

It was felt that more information should be disseminated by the commission about our programs and about the Commission itself, through the local media. It was suggested that the two Hampton papers be contacted and a column by and about the commission be written as well as an update on the Town's web site. Deb said she would contact both the Gazette and the HighRoad.

A budget was considered, but it was thought the first step would be finding out what the needed steps were to go before the board of selectmen to request a budget. It was suggested we have some idea as to how much of a budget we needed.

The idea of applying to state programs for funding is looked into.

Sue Beauregard approached the commission about a Master gardener demo in the spring to be sponsored by the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm

Submitted 1/21/13 L Campion