

Draft Minutes 10/17/16

Present: Dieter Ebert, Cindy Jenkins, Joan Ganotis, Walter Nordstrom, Hank Brandt,
Lisa Cote

Absent: Bobbi Burns

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Treas. Report: Balance \$900, Aquarian now billing monthly

Review previous minutes: Question whether town is mowing now, and whether there is a need for mulching mechanism for town mower at a cost of \$400 to \$500.

Motion to approve Cindy Jenkins, 2nd Joan Ganotis

Community Garden: Several gardeners reported having items possibly stolen....hose, soil sifter, trap, pumpkin. Follow up will consist of checking back with the gardeners to see if any of the items turned up after an email went out alerting everyone of the losses. Discussion about the boy scouts watering the trees they planted and piecing together multiple hoses. The missing hose may have inadvertently been collected by the boy scouts. Discussion regarding non payment for a garden and the \$25 surcharge imposed by the town for a bad check.

Meeting of all Boards with Planning Board: This was an opportunity for all boards to hear what other boards are working on. Of interest to the Ag Comm would be ordinances regarding stock piling of raw materials, accessory Structures, signage, wetlands buffer, conservation easements, any other changes affecting agriculture. Farmers Market was proposed and the response was enthusiastic.

Farmers Market: further discussion including nutrient management planning, parking options, grant \$, community support.

School Greenhouse: Lisa reported that there is now a paid manager. On Thursdays he is there after 3 pm and would welcome visitors if any of us want to stop in. Bob Hamilton has been instrumental in the success of the outdoor gardens (square foot gardening) and the greenhouse projects. The greenhouse will shut down in the coldest months to conserve on fuel costs.

Action Items: Cindy follow up with gardeners regarding lost items and check with boy scouts regarding missing hose. Cindy follow up with Jan on pursuing collection of delinquent community garden money. B.Burns follow up on mowing by town at garden.

Meeting adjourned 8:50

Next meeting: November 21, 7:00 pm Town Clerk's Office

