

Minutes of Hampton Advocate Program  
Wed., June 16, 2010

In attendance: Kate Donnelly, Bruce Kittredge, Ron Gluck, Jennifer Kaufman, Tim Huchthausen, Rob Miller, John Sokoloski

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Bruce Kittredge. May 25th Advocate meeting minutes were ok'd by Bruce and seconded by Tim.

There was much discussion on the methodology of inventorying farms in Hampton. The 490 list includes anyone with acreage. There was discussion about open space vs. farms. There was talk of promoting farms and that led to a discussion of what constitutes a farm.

It was suggested that we make a list of farms, possibly starting with a survey and perhaps a list of crop plans from the State Dept. of Agriculture. The question of how leased land would fit into our list of farms was raised.

We all agreed that it would be beneficial to have someone from Planning & Zoning attend a meeting and talk about ordinances that impact farming.

It was suggested that a Last Green Valley grant be used to connect Advocate towns.

It was suggested and decided that it would be better to wait another year for an Ag Commission ordinance.

Bruce thought we should come up with a policy statement for a right to farm ordinance.

We touched on the subject of Ag. education and farm-to-school programs. Jennifer would try to contact Eleanor Provencal to learn more about her work.

Bruce is working on future agenda items.

Next meeting will be July 21, 2010

Motion to adjourn by Tim Huchthausen, seconded by Ron Gluck.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.