



Minutes of 7/21/10 meeting of Hampton AGvocate Committee

Present: Committee members: Bruce Kittredge, Ron Gluck, Tim Huchthausen and Rob Miller

Also present: Ev Hyde, Kevin Grindle, and Kate Donnelly

Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Minutes were accepted by Tim and seconded by Kate.

We talked about the brochure listing and describing agricultural entities in town and agreed that we had to include every farm in town. That led to discussion of inventorying Hampton farms and again what constitutes a farm and whether we should include processing such as cheese making and preserves.

Kate offered to get started by listing farm stand locations and hours on the town website.

We all agreed to review Lebanon's Right to Farm ordinance and decide whether we could submit a similar ordinance to Hampton's Ordinance Committee in September.

There was some discussion of seasonality of farm stands and we pretty much agreed that with season extending capabilities, storage crops and maple syrup that theoretically a stand could remain open year round. We also agreed that some limitations could be in place to regulate the percentage of commodities sold at a farm stand to be produced at said farm.

New business: Review of farm tax abatement.

Next meeting will be August 18th @ 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm