

Minutes
Hampton AGvocate Program
Wednesday, May 18, 2011
7pm
Hampton Town Hall

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.
- II. Present: Kate Donnelly, Deb Espinosa, Tim H. and Jennifer Kaufman
- III. The Committee reviewed and unanimously accepted the April Minutes.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Agriculture Commission-The Committee discussed the May 16 Town Meeting and were pleased that both the Agriculture Commission and the Right to Farm Ordinances passed.
 - Membership-Deb Espinosa agreed to chair the Agriculture Commission and will contact survey respondents who indicated that they would be willing to serve. The Board of Selectmen will appoint those who are interested in early June.
 - Goals- The goals from the initial AGvocate Meeting were reviewed. Much has been accomplished through the program. However, the group felt that the following additional items should be addressed over the next year or two:
 1. A Joint Meeting between the PZC, Conservation Commission, and Agriculture Commission to discuss mutual goals and collaboration.
 2. A Hampton sponsored workshop on options for farmland preservation. The Agriculture Commission, PZC, and Conservation Commission, could sponsor this. The group also discussed the option of working with another Town to do the workshop.
 3. Collaborating with Ag in the Classroom to get some agriculture programs in the Hampton Schools.
 4. Examining Hamptons Zoning Regs as they relate to Agriculture
 5. Publicizing the Right to Farm Ordinance so that residents identify Hampton as a Right to Farm Community.
 6. Distributing the Hampton Grown Brochure.
 - Meeting Schedule- The meeting schedule will be determined once the Agriculture Commission is appointed.
 - B. Right to Farm Ordinance
 - Publicity was discussed above and will be part of the Agriculture Commission's role.
 - C. AGvocate Program Completion-Jennifer will assist Hampton by attending their first Agriculture Commission meeting and helping to develop a plan of action for the goals outlined above. She will also be available on an as needed basis.

- V. **Announcements:- Joe Courtney Forum on USDA Rural Development Programming and Eligibility With USDA Deputy Undersecretary for Rural Development. Thursday May 19 2011, 3:30pm – 5:00pm, Johnson Room, Eastern Connecticut State University Library, 83 Windham St Willimantic CT. Please RSVP to Cutter Oliver in Joe Courtney’s Norwich District Office at 860-886-0139**
- VI. Future Agenda Items-Are outlined under Agriculture Commission goals above.
- VII. Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 8:30. The next meeting is scheduled for June 15.