

Tuftonboro Agriculture Commission Meeting
November 7, 2023
Town House 4:00 pm
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Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM. In attendance are Susan Weeks, Guy Pike, and Joy Perkins.

1. Review of minutes of October Meeting:

Minutes of October were read. Guy motioned to accept as read, seconded by Sue. As Joy was not in attendance, she abstained. Minutes for October accepted.

2: Correspondence:

A: A bill was received from C.E Weeks for mowing for \$400.00. A short discussion ensued about mowing, and how many times we need to have the plot mowed. A general consensus is that given due to the weather and conditions of the field, one mowing this year was sufficient. Guy made a motion was made to pay the bill, Joy seconded the motion and it was agreed to pay the bill to C.E. Weeks.

B: We received a proposed budget from the Tuftonboro Community Garden Group for 2024 in the amount \$1,293.14.

3: Budget for 2024

A: RSA 674:44-g and RSA 41:29 were reviewed concerning appropriations and custody of monies of the Agricultural Commission. A discussion concerning about the need for an Agriculture Commission budget. According to the town manager, we were appropriated \$675 from the 2023 town meeting. Of this amount \$90 was spent for a wheel barrow and now \$400 for mowing: This leaves a balance of \$185. Questions about whether the budget monies would be retroactive from the establishment of the commission, and/or if it would be proper to establish an account through the town treasurer for same were discussed. From this discussion it has been decided that Sue would contact the New Hampshire Municipal Association to ask about RSA 674:44-g and if we are handling the monies correctly.

B: Agricultural omission budget for 2024. It is suggested that we ask for a budget of \$2,000. We can easily justify \$1,700. There is no guarantee of income from the community garden plots.

That being all the business for today, Guy made motion to adjourn this meeting, this was seconded by Joy. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Joy Perkins
Secretary
Agriculture Commission