

Hollis Agricultural Commission Minutes

Thursday, July 19, 2018



Members in attendance: M. Madden, D. Harmon, M. Post, D. Petry, R. Clark, A. Pitarys, (T. Hardy arriving late)

Meeting called to order at 7:37 pm.

- Public input session: Resident Peter Baker presented an idea for making the Stefanowicz property "Pedestrian Only". No motorized vehicles, horses, dogs, bicycles, etc. Just human foot traffic only. Resident and Trails Committee member, Sherry Wyskiel, was in attendance and spoke in opposition to this suggestion. The Commission noted that the property is already rarely travelled by non-pedestrians, with proper public awareness such public access can co-exist with agricultural use and that this restriction would be difficult to enforce. The Commission felt that the BOS was the appropriate town body to approach with the idea, and if needed, the Commission would study the agricultural impact in depth.
- Sherry Wyskiel discussed the Woodmont property and the need for the Commission to facilitate a discussion with Adrien Lavoie and possibly start a working group with the Trails Committee to get updated trail locations identified. The Commission agreed to work on this to be in place for the 2019 growing season.
- Board discussed the zoning board changes to farmstand/roadside stand wording. R. Clark and M. Post will schedule a meeting with the town planner to discuss in August.
- D. Harmon proposed the Commission have a site in the Old Homes Day event this year on September 15th. Primary reason would be to educate the public on some agricultural practices and the important role agriculture plays in conserving land and preserving our rural character while raising town revenue. M. Post agreed and felt we could use the event to inform the public about how well Woodmont has been achieving these goals. Most Commission members said they would be around and help with participating.
- D. Harmon and M. Post volunteered to start working on a communication to educate the public on the benefits the town has received as a result of the Woodmont agricultural lease.
- T. Hardy arrived and joined the meeting at 8:40
- D. Harmon requested to switch from being a full-time member to an alternate member. M. Madden would like to switch from being an alternate member to a full-time member. M. Post motioned to recommend that the BOS appoint M. Madden as full-time member and D. Harmon as an alternate member. R. Clark seconded. Approved by vote of 6-0-0.
- R. Clark motioned to appoint M. Post Chair, R. Clark Vice-Chair, and M. Madden Secretary. Seconded by D. Harmon. Approved by vote of 6-0-0.
- M. Post motioned to approve last meetings public minutes and drafted. R. Clark second. Approved by vote of 6-0.

- Moved by M. Post and seconded by R. Clark to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0-0, and meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for August 9th

Respectively submitted by A. Pitarys, Secretary