Hollis Agricultural Commission Minutes



Thursday, March 14, 2019

Members in attendance: T. Hardy, C.J. Husk, A. Pitarys, M. Post

- Meeting called to order at 7:35pm.
- The Commission discussed the upcoming Town Meeting warrant articles
 - The Commission discussed warrant article 16 for the Howe conservation easement. M. Post stated that through no fault of the town, someone at the USDA in DC last year failed to move paperwork internally before a required deadline passed. As a result, last year's federal funding disappeared, and the town would have to resubmit the paperwork in order to receive it. T. Hardy observed that the Howe property has the second cleanest water in the state.
 - o The Commission discussed warrant article 17 for subdividing the Stefanowicz property in order to restore a separate house lot as described in the original 2016 warrant article. The Commission has previously discussed the house lot and has noted that the location of the house lot does not negatively impact agricultural use of the Stefanowicz property, the sale proceeds could be used to offset some of the cost of acquiring the property and would be in the best financial interest of the town. While no recommendation was requested by the BOS, Motioned by M. Post and seconded by T. Hardy to share this point of view at town meeting. Approved 4-0-0.
- Motioned by T. Hardy and seconded by A. Pitarys to accept the minutes as written from the Ag Comm meeting of January 23, 2019. Approved 4-0-0.
- The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2019
- Motioned by M. Post, seconded by T. Hardy to adjourn the meeting. Approved 4-0-0.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:19

Respectfully submitted by M. Post, Acting Secretary