

## Hollis Agricultural Commission Minutes

Thursday, August 15, 2019



Members in attendance: T. Hardy, D. Harmon, D. Petry, A. Pitarys, M. Post.

Meeting called to order at 7:46 pm.

The Commission discussed and decided to participate with a booth at Old Home Days. M. Post suggested that in addition to the Woodmont posters, the booth contain fresh examples of all the different kinds of fruits, vegetables and agricultural products produced in town. The number and variety of items will be quite substantial and demonstrate the value of keeping agricultural lands in active production.

M. Post mentioned that he had been contacted through Town Hall by a Nashua-based non-profit called Regenerative Roots (RR) looking for the use of lands to support their agricultural activities. The Commission felt that the use of privately-owned land would be more appropriate than town owned land for RR's use

M. Post made the motion to enter into non-public session, in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (d), D. Harmon second, motion passed 5-0-0 and the Commission entered non-public session at 7:55 pm

M. Post motioned to return to public session and to keep the minutes sealed under RSA 91-A:3, III. Harmon second, motion passed 5-0-0 and the Commission returned to public session at 8:07 pm

The Commission discussed the status of the AG/Conservation Joint Working Group (JWG). M. Post mentioned that the JWG is collecting input on an updated agricultural assessment. M. Post will be contacting Michel Birchler, District Conservationis from the USDA NRCS office in Milford and Concord to provide an assessment. T. Hardy suggested contacting G. Hamilton or someone else in the UNH Cooperative Extension to participate in the assessment. The JWG will pursue both sources.

M. Post motioned to accept the minutes of the Commission meeting of June 6, 2019. D. Harmon, second, motion passed 5-0-0.

M. Post motioned to adjourn at 8:35pm, second by D. Harmon, motion passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by A, Pitarys, Acting Secretary