



Hollis Agricultural Commission Minutes

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Members in attendance: D. Harmon, C. Husk, M. Madden, D. Petry, M. Post.

Meeting called to order at 7:34pm

- Public Discussion: Concern expressed from Hollis resident Joseph Garruba on newly issued EPA regulation on storm water discharged and how it's managed. Ag commission questioned the impact on agriculture. M. Post suggested regulatory quality aspects could resemble federal food safety rules (FSMA) and the commission proposed soliciting for farmers' perspective going forward if warranted.
- Luminary Stroll: Kimber Harmon present to discuss the upcoming event and the possibility of inclement weather. Has state permit for only Saturday regarding the parade. Determination was made to make the call early Saturday morning and still have time to convey to volunteers. Discussed bagging in plastic. Discussed storing totes until next year. Rescheduling. Possibly selling as a fundraiser. Members to meet at Buckley's at 830am day of to make the call.
- Stefanowicz Update: D. Harmon and M. Post met with attorney 2 weeks ago. Discussions included how to incentivize lessee to invest in land as end of lease term approaches. Attorney stated it's okay to not go out to RFP again and suggested adding a renewal clause to the lease as an incentive for the lessee to continue investing in the property. Commission discussed potential renewal period.
- Misc: M. Post was contacted by a resident who owns 10 acres of land with barn in current use. Resident is concerned that their therapy practice has been labeled agritourism by town staff. The Commission discussed the subject and felt that the described use was simply a home business.
- M. Post made the motion to enter into non-public session, in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (d). Harmon second, motion passed 5-0-0 and the Commission entered non-public session at 8:37pm.
- 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 8:56pm.
- M. Post motioned to accept the public minutes for the commission meeting on Nov 25th, 2019. Harm done, second, motioned passed 5-0-0.
- M. Post motioned to adjourn 9:10pm. Harmon second, motion passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by M. Madden, Secretary