



Hollis Agricultural Commission Minutes

Thursday, September 10th, 2020

Members in attendance: M. Post, M. Madden, T. Hardy, D. Harmon.

- Meeting called to order at 7:34pm

- CONTINUING BUSINESS

- o Woodmont West Update: Regarding grasshopper sparrows, based upon interest from Nichols-Smith, T. Dufresne from the conservation suggests reaching out to Adrien Lavoie to discuss. Mr. Lavoie has previously stated there will be area which is not mowed, and a habitat should happen naturally. The Ag Commission expressed willingness to intervene, if necessary and requested by the lessee, to help find a solution with agriculture in mind. Regarding public access signs, the October Nor'Easters club meeting, or their Trail Day, may be a good time to install posts based on our guidance. Sign location; one in parking area, but how do we inform the public for awareness? Remaining signs can wait until next spring, if needed.

- o Living with Agriculture: Martha Dufresne has volunteered to work on the article for The Nashua Telegraph. M. Post mentioned that next spring would be a good time to execute. The Commission should seek to draft an outline of topics to include tractor safety and a food safety update (stay on trails, etc.). D. Harmon and M. Post will draft and submit.

- o Current Use and Agriculture: M. Post spoke to the tax assessor who is planning to work on cleaning up the different tiered assessments before the next assessment. Chuck Souther oversees current use on the state level, and the Town should parallel aspects and/or ensure no contradictions. T. Hardy stated that horse owners may add complexity with rings, etc. T. Hardy suggested meeting with the town assessor in November to discuss what considerations should be addressed regarding the Town's needs. M. Post will reach out to the assessor arrange for a meeting.

- NEW BUSINESS

- o Lumineers: If the Commission could be given a map, then we can handle all aspects from there. The Commission would like to know in October what the status of the event will be (e.g. Home Days cancelled).

- M. Post motioned to accept the public minutes for the commission meeting on July 9th, 2020, T Hardy second, motioned passed 4-0-0.

- M. Post motioned to adjourn 8:05pm, D. Harmon second, motion passed 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by M. Madden, Secretary