



Hollis Agricultural Commission Minutes

Thursday, October 8th, 2020

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

- Meeting called to order at 7:36pm. Joining the meeting Was Kimber Harmon
- Luminary Event: The status of the luminary event was discussed with K. Harmon. A proposal to proceed with distributing the luminaires without the parade and Lawrence Barn activities. K. Harmon also stated that the band will not be performing, but Zoom 1 on 1 Session with Santa has potential. T. Hardy stated a socially distant parade is probably not achievable. D. Harmon stated the Commission can distribute the luminaries in a socially distant manner. Action items are: distribute luminaries, ask for volunteers (4 minimum), and promote that they're going out. K. Harmon mentioned promoting on facebook or town website and posting signs at 4 corners. The Nashua Telegraph and The Union Leader are additional resources. T. Hardy will consult the Fire Chief for restrictions that must be considered. The luminary event is currently scheduled for December 12th.
- CONTINUING BUSINESS
 - Woodmont West Update: M. Post was called by A. Lavoie, the Lessee. Through discussions, it was brought to light the NRCS was notified that an area would be potentially left unplanted to create a habitat for birds. Although there are no objections to allowing the birds to thrive, the Ag Commission and Lessee do not want to commit to anything regarding a formal designation of a habitat that could hinder the future agricultural use of the leased land. The topic will probably be discussed during annual lease review in February. T. Hardy proposed the possibility clearing a portion of the 8 acres to the west. M. Post stated the 8 acres is under currently under conservation, and It is not part of the agriculture lease. The Ag Commission will not do anything until the annual review in February.

Unauthorized vehicles on the leased land also needs to be addressed. M. Post mentioned that the Agriculture or Conservation commission could notify police, who would in turn notify owners of the vehicles for informational purposes, if we had license plate numbers. T. Hardy mentioned the possibility of a game camera to monitor and collect data.
 - Current Use and Agriculture: M. Post proposed the Commission starts a project to give the Town the tools they need to implement change. M. Post will reach out to the Assessor to arrange a time for further discussions. D. Harmon mentioned a conduit that allows for allocation of funds for software improvements, etc. may be the proper course of action. T. Hardy questioned how the Town receives information about land conversions when acreage is planted, etc. T. Hardy stated, that at the state level, there are specific definitions, wide range of tax rates, etc. that we may be able to utilize.
- M. Post motioned to accept the public minutes for the commission meeting on September 10th, 2020, T. Hardy second, motioned passed 4-0-0.
- M. Post motioned to adjourn 8:54pm, D. Harmon second, motion passed 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by M. Madden, Secretary