

## Hollis Agricultural Commission Minutes

Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020



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

- Meeting called to order at 7:40pm

- CONTINUING BUSINESS

- o Stefanowicz Update: The lease has been signed. The abutter to the north has sent a letter to select board listing concerns such as gating trails and public access. A meeting has been scheduled for next week between the lessee and abutter to discuss common concerns. The Ag Commission agreed that its role is to provide a voice to farmers and to facilitate constructive communication between the lessee and abutter, but any management or oversight of the lease should fall to the Town and/or the Conservation Commission.

- o Woodmont West Update: The condition of the white barn will most likely be addressed during the next lease review. Not a historic barn, etc., but the Town will most likely outline expectations of upkeep as defined in the lease agreement.

- o Lumineers: M. Post cannot attend that weekend but will commit to finding a replacement. An alternative could be to delay a weekend, if desired. K. Harmon suggested the possibility of a gingerbread house contest.

- T. Hardy joined via phone at 7:55pm.

- T. Hardy suggested soliciting help from the Nor'easters. D. Harmon drafted a list of requirements for distribution: a driver, someone in trailer to set out totes, and 2 people to put luminaries, multiplied by two. Loading trailers could be accomplished at Brookdale Farm. The distribution crews can also light, and all commencing at 1230pm. M. Madden will arrange for cleanup, the following morning, commencing at 8am.

- o Current use: T. Hardy stated there are different tax rates within current use for agriculture, forest, and wetlands. What is the classification of wetlands that is being used, e.g. wet area versus class 6 or above? Even soil quality affects the rate. In addition, how is the town informed when the use of land within the abated status is changed? Stefanowicz can serve as an example for all of us to go through in determining how things are defined and classified. M. Post suggested using this as a case to set precedence.

- M. Post motioned to adjourn 8:05pm, D. Harmon second, motion passed 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by M. Madden, Secretary.