

Hollis Agricultural Commission

Thursday, June 10th, 2021



NAMES OF ATTENDEES

M. Post, T. Hardy, D. Harmon, M. Madden, D. Petry

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:40pm.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. New Business

a. Release of Non-Public Minutes

- I. Motioned by M. Post, seconded by D. Harmon, to release the non-public minutes of the following Agricultural/Conservation Commission Joint Working Group meetings:

October 12, 2016, October 26, 2016, October 31, 2016, November 15, 2016, November 29, 2016, December 19, 2016, January 11, 2017, February 16, 2017, March 31, 2017, September 25, 2017, November 2, 2017, December 14, 2017, January 17, 2018, January 25, 2018, February 26, 2018, September 24, 2018, July 22, 2019, August 26, 2019, September 13, 2019, October 3, 2019, October 21, 2019 June 30, 2020, July 15, 2020, August 6, 2020, August 19, 2020, September 10, 2020.

Motion passed 4-0-0

- II. Motioned by M. Post, seconded by D. Harmon, to release the non-public minutes of the following Agricultural Commission meetings:

December 18, 2016, March 9, 2017, April 20, 2017, September 14, 2017, September 13, 2018, and December 12, 2020 as redacted.

Motion passed 4-0-0

b. Recruiting

- I. M. Post introduces Cheryl Quaine as a potential member of the Ag Comm. Cheryl states she has an environmental science background and has previously served on the Conservation Commission. D. Petry states that next selectman meeting is the 21st. D. Petry suggested informing Lori, if interested. M. Post makes motion to recommend Cheryl Quaine a regular member of the Agriculture Commission, D. Harmon second, motion passed 4-0-0.

II. Ongoing Business

a. Woodmont West

- I. T. Dufresne has been discussing the grasshopper sparrow issue with all parties. Lessee will not be planting in most of the area identified. Lessee has planted pumpkins in an adjacent area as recommended. D. Petry stated an option could be to meet with Town council and Lori to discuss the language of the easement for clarification. M. Post states that if Nichols Smith has an issue, it should be addressed with the Town, not Lessee.

- II. T. Hardy stated that, with corn season around the corner, the commission needs to firm up the situation with marking of trails as it relates to FSMA. T. Hardy is reaching out to A. White to discuss trails situation. M. Post states that he will reach out to Lessee and Trails committee to arrange for a time to meet the Ag Com to agree on location of signs. T. Hardy will donate 3x6 posts. T. Hardy suggested the Heritage Commission should be consulted for sign placement near the bulletin board. T. Hardy reiterated the Nor'Easter trails are not 4 season trails and we need to do a better job at

posting that those are winter only, and to designate the perimeter trails. M. Post states that roping off trails may be an issue for the Lessee. D. Petry states that an informational letter, if produced, should be shared to various parties such as the website, Nichols-Smith, etc. D. Petry states that the town ordinance document should include enforcement actions, such as warnings or fines, and will confirm.

b. Land Use Change Tax (LUCT)

- I. M. Post states that the conservation commission account is growing with plans to use the funds for land purchases. The Select Board is discussing changing the conservation commission's allocation of LUCT from 100% to 50%. D. Petry states that the Town shut down the land protection study committee, and that those members moved to conservation with the idea that the initiatives would continue. The Ag Comm will provide input to the Conservation Commission regarding the agricultural potential of any land acquisition under consideration.

ENTERING INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION

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 4-0-0 and the commission entered non-public session at 8:24pm.

RETURNING TO PUBLIC SESSION

M. Post motioned to return to public session and to keep the minutes sealed under RSA 91-a:3 II (d). D. Harmon second, motion passed 4-0-0 and the commission returned to public session at 8:37pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M. Post motioned to accept the public minutes for the commission meeting on May 13th, 2021, D. Harmon second, motioned passed 4-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

M. Post motioned to adjourn at 8:40pm, D. Harmon second, motion passed 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by M. Madden, Secretary