# **Hollis Agricultural Commission**

Thursday, October 14th, 2021



## **NAMES OF ATTENDEES**

M. Post, T. Hardy, D. Harmon, M. Madden, C. Husk.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm.

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- I. New Business
  - a. Luminary Event

M. Post states that K. Harmon sent email to D. Petry querying whether there would be an event this year. T. Hardy would support a parade and provide space for volunteers, if needed. M. Post would support distribution of luminaries in the center of town only. T. Hardy suggested the high school or other groups for volunteers for this year's distribution. The Ag Com agrees to focus our efforts on the tractor parade portion or other activities more related to agriculture. T. Hardy suggested reaching out earlier to solicit for participation for more tractors. M. Post will reply to K. Harmon to let her know the luminaries will not be the responsibility of the Ag Commission.

## II. Ongoing Business

- a. Woodmont West
  - I. M. Post states that Lessee is not interested in using the white barn. Previous building inspector's report states that electrical system must not be connected for safety reasons. M. Post would like to consider removing the barn from the lease. T. Hardy suggested expanding the logging area to create revenue to fund the barn removal. The commission discussed whether the removal was warranted as long as the responsibility has been determined. T. Hardy suggested the cooler storage further up, along with the old wind machines, is more of a hazard than the barn. M. Post will notify the Town Administrator.
  - II. M. Post suggests the addition to the lease of a clause, currently included in the Stefanowicz lease, incentivizing the current Lessee to invest or continue. Within two years of expiration both parties would have the ability to continue the lease under mutually agreeable terms. No action taken at this time.
  - III. M. Post states that lessee is not currently planning to plant in unused acreage on the back side of the hill, about eight acres. The acreage could go to conservation. D. Harmon questioned whether there is potential for another farmer to utilize the land. M. Post stated that T. Dufresne has suggested conservation pay Lessee to have it mowed. T. Hardy suggested that there could be possibility to keep it under ag land for possible NRCS funding in the future.

#### b. Stefanowitcz Update

- I. Lessee states NH Fish & Game can provide signs stating no unauthorized vehicle access and can monitor compliance. M. Post states abutter has previously complained about unauthorized vehicle traffic. In order to post signs, town administrator approval is needed.
- II. M. Post motioned to request the town administrator to post signs prohibiting nonauthorized motor vehicle access at the two entrances, D. Harmon second. T. Hardy recuses himself from discussion. Motion passed 4-0-0.

## **ENTERING INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

C. Husk made the motion to enter into non-public session, in accordance with RSA 91-a:3 II (b). D. Harmon second, motion passed 5-0-0 and the commission entered non-public session at 8:20pm.

## **RETURNING TO PUBLIC SESSION**

M. Post motioned to return to public session and to keep the minutes sealed under RSA 91-a:3 II (b). D. Harmon second, motion passed 5-0-0 and the commission returned to public session at 8:59pm.

## **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). C. Husk second, motion passed 5-0-0 and the commission entered non-public session at 9:00pm.

#### **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). C. Husk second, motion passed 5-0-0 and the commission returned to public session at 9:14pm.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

M. Post motioned to accept the public minutes for the commission meeting on July 8th, 2021, T. Hardy second, motioned passed 5-0-0.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

D. Harmon motioned to adjourn at 9:17pm, C. Husk second, motion passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by M. Madden, Secretary