

# Hollis Agricultural Commission

Thursday, February 17, 2022



## NAMES OF ATTENDEES

T. Hardy, D. Harmon, CJ Husk, M. Post. Visitor: T. Dufresne

## CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm.

## AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION LAND PROTECTION

### Law Property

M. Post stated that the Conservation Commission held the public hearing on Feb 2 for the purchase of the Law property between Richardson and Van Dyke. The purchase received exceptionally strong support from public with all but one person speaking in favor of the purchase. The only speaker expressing concern was an abutter who was worried about an increase traffic a conservation area might produce. T. Dufresne mentioned that the town might need a different person to hay portions of the property and that a local framer might be appropriate. T. Dufresne mentioned that the CC will be coordinating production of a conservation easement on the property. The Ag Comm has previously noted that significant portions of the property would be suitable for agriculture. T. Hardy stated that portions of the property would appropriately be identified as "agricultural wetlands" which would allow flexibility for agricultural use of those areas. the Ag Comm suggests an agricultural assessment of the property be performed and that a conservation easement that allows appropriate agricultural use be created in accordance with the sellers wishes.

### Stefanowicz

T. Dufresne has received a copy of a well designed, multi-year forest and invasive management plan for the entire Stefanowicz property from licensed forester Eric Radloff of Full Circle Forestry. Eric, Chair of the NH Hillsborough County Conservation District, has extensive experience in developing forest management plans and has previously worked with the current lessee on such plans. T. Dufresne suggests that the Town would be well served by utilizing a single forest management plan for the whole property rather than separate ones for the agricultural area and the western conservation area. Discussion ensued with the Ag Comm agreeing with this perspective. It was suggested that the CC and the Ag Comm create a joint group to monitor the implementation of such a plan on an annual basis. T. Dufresne will send the plan to M. Post. Topic will be discussed at future CC and Ag Comm meetings.

## "LIVING WITH AGRICULTURE" PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

### Newspaper Article

The Ag Comm reviewed a draft outline of a potential follow-on article of a prior years' Nashua Telegraph article highlighting the success the town has had preserving agriculture, ensuring land conservation while providing appropriate public access for other passive recreation uses. M. Post will create a revised outline and coordinate finding a volunteer for writing.

### Tractor Safety Brochure

The Ag Comm reviewed the existing tractor safety brochure and felt that no changes were needed prior to distribution. The Ag Comm discussed plans to distribute the brochure at Town Hall, the Town Clerks office and potentially with car registration renewals. M. Post will follow up with the Town Clerk.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M. Post motioned to accept the public minutes for the commission meeting on January 13, 2022, T. Hardy second, motioned passed 4-0-0.

## ADJOURNMENT

M. Post motioned to adjourn at 8:45, T. Hardy second, motion passed 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by M. Post, Acting Secretary