

Hollis Agricultural Commission

Thursday, April 14th, 2022



NAMES OF ATTENDEES

C. Quaine, T. Hardy, D. Harmon, M. Madden, M. Post (Phone), D. Petry. Visitor:
T. Dufresne

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:34pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D. Harmon motioned to accept the public minutes for the commission meeting on March 10th, 2022, T. Hardy second, motioned passed 5-0-0.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Law Property

M. Post states that the owners are interested in conservation and agriculture. Owners would like to see wildlife preservation, hiking trails, etc., and are interested in agriculture as well. Suggests Ag Comm works with conservation to help determine potential uses, if deemed appropriate. T. Dufresne states he would work with Cheryl would reach out to the Owners once they are back in town, and stated a lease would be an appropriate instrument. T. Hardy stated that it there may be wetlands considerations as designated on the NRPC map, and that it would need to be continually farmed to ensure it remains in its current status.

Stefanowicz Property

Forest Management Plan: This is a Conservation commission agenda item, and T. Dufresne suggested that the forest management be actively monitored by the Ag Comm, in consultation with the Conservation Comm. Lessee states the forest management plan is a 25 year term, and one portion of this has already been funded. Additionally, Lessee has to file intent to cut and the Town needs to file a timber harvest tax waiver. M. Post states there needs to be a formal document of understanding to ensure communications between the two commissions to ensure coordination. D. Harmon queried what the monitoring duties would entail. Lessee states that over the 25 year year plan there would be a report generated to ensure outlining details or requirements. Lessee states posting of no trespassing due to logging needs to be displayed during logging operations.

Living With Agriculture

News Article: M. Post states no updates since last meeting. T. Dufresne states Hillsborough County Conservation District will tour Woodmont and requests an Ag Comm member to speak summarize story of the evolution of Woodmont, e.g. soil heath improvements, carbon sequestration, water quality, etc. T. Dufresne stated the visit is tentatively scheduled for the last two weeks of July. M. Post stated he is available, if needed.

ENTERING INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION

C. Quaine made the motion to enter into non-public session, in accordance with RSA 91-a:3 II (d). D. Harmon second, motion passed 5-0-0 and the commission entered non public session at 8:10pm.

RETURNING TO PUBLIC SESSION

C. Quaine motioned to return to public session and to keep the minutes sealed under RSA 91-a:3 II (d). T. Hardy second, motion passed 5-0-0 and the commission returned to public session at 8:43pm.

ADJOURNMENT

D. Harmon motioned to adjourn at 8:48, C. Quaine second, motion passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by M. Madden, Secretary