

Hollis Agricultural Commission

Thursday, Oct 13th, 2022



NAMES OF ATTENDEES

M. Post, M. Madden, D. Petry, R. Clark, T. Hardy
Guest: Laura Bianco

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:46pm.

M. Post introduced L. Bianco of Hollis who is interested in volunteering for the open alternate position on the Ag Comm.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Law Property

The HCC has expressed interest in a joint effort to help manage the property and potentially initiate an agricultural lease. M. Post provided an NRPC overview showing the good soil condition along with wetlands and invasives concerns. The Ag Comm discussed going back to the HCC with a recommendation of a potential working with two members from each commission. Cheryl Quaine has previously volunteered to lead the working group. M. Madden expressed an interest in helping. T. Hardy stated the new UNH extension agent, Kyle Quigly, may be interested in helping with an agricultural assessment and oversight. T. Hardy stated there may be two access points which would be valued for agricultural use. M. Post stated the timeline to execute on a lease may be up to two years due to planting timelines. M. Post will discuss with HCC at their next meeting.

Rock Property and Conservation Easement

D. Petry stated an easement has not been presented to the Select Board, but expects one soon. M. Post stated there is a draft easement in development by HCC. M. Post stated there were queries to find a land trust, and that an alternative might be for the Hillsborough County Conservation District (HCCD) to monitor/enforce any easement. T. Hardy stated there should be consideration for agricultural structures within the agricultural easement.

Legislative Event Recap

M. Post stated the event was received well by all who attended. Kerry Rickrode from HCCD sent "Thank You(s)" stating that she received excellent feedback from attendees. T. Hardy stated that it was helpful for passage of legislation being considered enabling availability of funds for agricultural use statewide.

Stefanowicz Update

Lessee stated approved logging will happen this winter. USDA NRCS has approved plans for agricultural road work and pond construction. There will be a meeting scheduled with NHDES and USDA NRCS regarding pond construction.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M. Post motioned to accept the public minutes for the commission meeting on July 14th, 2022, T. Hardy second, motion passed 3-0-1.

ADJOURNMENT

M. Post motioned to adjourn at 8:28pm, R. Clark second, motion passed 3-0-1.

Respectfully submitted by M. Madden, Secretary