

# Hollis Agricultural Commission

Thursday, July 13th, 2023



## NAMES OF ATTENDEES

J. Dufresne, R. Clark, M. Post, C. Quaine

## CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### Law Property

The Ag Comm reviewed a draft of a short-term agricultural maintenance agreement for the Law property generated by the HCC/Ag Comm Joint Working Group (JWG). The agreement will be discussed at the upcoming HCC meeting on 7/19. The agreement specifies haying and maintenance work to be done until a long term plan for the property can be determined starting with the 2025 growing season. A local farmer will maintain a public access path specified by the HCC and will hay the existing fields. The Town will pay \$1,000/season for maintenance of the path and the farmer will receive the harvested hay as payment for the field maintenance. After discussion, the Ag Comm made some typographical updates to the document and M. Post will review with the HCC.

### Silver Lake Watershed Study

The Town is considering participating in a State of NH sponsored study of the Silver Lake watershed in order to determine the causes of elevated cyanobacteria and other contaminant levels in Silver Lake. This consideration is in the early stages and any participation would need to be approved at a future Town Meeting. If approved and completed, the costs of the study would 100% funded by the State. The Ag Comm noted that town-owned land under agricultural lease are well on the other side of the hill from Silver Lake and are farmed according to strict NRCS management plan standards to prevent fertilizer runoff from the property. While there was no objection to such a study at this time, the Ag Comm will monitor the status of this project's consideration.

### Old Home Days

The Ag Comm discussed participation and, as like previous years, will set up a booth that highlights the agricultural products and land conservation results created by our local farmers and town efforts. M. Post stated he will be able to set up the booth (with help), however, will be leaving to travel later in the morning. R Clark volunteered to break down the booth. M. Post will reserve a booth and coordinate planning in August.

### Upcoming Meeting Schedule

M. Post stated he will be travelling at the regular meeting date in August. The Ag Comm decided to skip the August meeting and meet next at the regular time on September 14, 2023.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

R. Clark motioned to accept the public minutes for the commission meeting on June 8th, 2023, M. Post second, motioned passed 4-0-0.

### ADJOURNMENT

M. Post motioned to adjourn at 8:20pm, J. Dufresne second, motion passed 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by M. Post, Acting Secretary