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Hollis Agricultural Commission Minutes

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Members in attendance: D. Harmon, A. Pitarys, M. Post, T. Hardy, R. Clark, D. Petry, C. Husk, and pending member M. Madden

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm.

- Old Business- Rec Comm. going ahead with \$315,000 warrant article for town meeting to build fields for sports on the Siergiewicz. This will have no tax impact for town residents.
- M. Post discussed working group status. Lawyer discussing having wording for making sure possible lessee has good practice and financials for agriculture.
- T. Hardy suggested adding a criteria for giving preference to the winning lessee after 25 years. Being "first in line" for next bid by "demonstrating good stewardship"
- Board discussed adding in the bid the possibility for a mid lease review @ 15 years.
 Reason for 15 years is based on possibility of tree maturation and other infrastructure and improvements taking some initial time.
- R. Clark discussed his ideas for potential zoning changes as it relates to agriculture in town. These items include farm stands, roadside stands and agricultural signs. The boards drafted decisions would be presenting to the planning board at their next meeting.
- The Hollis Woman's Club Luminary event details were ironed out.
- Moved by D. Petry and seconded by R. Clark to accept public minutes from November 9, 2017 as written; Motion passed 6-0-0.
- Moved by M. Post and seconded by D. Harmon to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0-0, and meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 11 at 7:30pm.

Respectively submitted by A. Pitarys, Secretary