

Hollis Agricultural Commission

Thursday, September 14th, 2023



NAMES OF ATTENDEES

C. Quaine, M. Madden, D. Petry, M. Post, R. Clark

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:46pm.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Law Property

M. Post states the property is now under the maintenance agreement to be mowed for hay. Part of the agreement is to keep the invasives out and to maintain a public access path to the back portion of the property. The Conservation Commission intends to hold a hearing to allow town input as to the use of the land (e.g. agriculture, etc.). Long term leases would encourage investment in land from conservation programs.

Woodmont West

M. Post stated there is an initiative from the Trails Committee to fabricate signs to prohibit vehicle traffic on conservation land where not authorized. The Ag Commission discussed advocating for additional signage at Woodmont to prevent traffic through the fields during growing season. M. Post will contact E. McIntyre from the Trails Committee to discuss.

Silver Lake Watershed

M. Post stated the town is considering pursuing a grant to analyze Silver Lake water quality with the goal of controlling cyanobacteria problems. The Ag Comm noted that active agriculture is going at Woodmont and is managed in assistance with NRCS soil conservation practices to prevent such occurrences. Other more likely causes are storm water runoff coming down the hill from the south. If the town pursues this, it will require a warrant article and town meeting approval.

Old Home Days

M. Post stated there seemed to be good Old Home Days attendance and interest in the Woodmont West story. C. Quaine noted good attendance. R. Clark suggested the commission may want to expand our education campaign to increase awareness.

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 4-0-0 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). M. Madden second, motion passed 4-0-0 and the commission returned to public session at 8:43pm.

ADJOURNMENT

M. Post motioned to adjourn at 8:48, R. Clark second, motion passed 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by M. Madden, Secretary

