



Hollis Agricultural Commission Minutes

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Members in attendance: D. Harmon-remote, A. Pitarys, and M. Post, T. Hardy, R. Clark, D. Petry, M. Madden

Meeting called to order at 7:37 pm.

- Old Business- Luminary Event Ag Comm will donate time and members in the assembly and distribution of bags. T. Hardy will be getting the sand from the town pile. Discussed using the church parking lot as a more central assembly location
- Old Business- Stefanowicz as it relates to the Recreation Comm. D. Petry discussed a new site for the possibility of more sports fields. The Sergowicz sp.? Property at the end of Witches Spring Road on South Merrimack is that said site. It has to the potential to be bought with no tax impact making it more appealing to residents. An already relatively flat site making the costs far less than any field on Stefanowicz and less impact to future agricultural operations. The conservation department has already voted to put \$100,000 towards purchase.
- D. Petry asked different time length for Stefanowicz in regards to fruit tree maturation. T. Hardy advised 20-25 years on most fruits. Someone can certainly bid for less years
- New Business- Food Safety Education T. Hardy talked with Adrien Lavoie about the need for trails and signage at the Woodmont Property. He is aware he'll need to participate in this. May have to move parking lot to point walkers in the right direction for the perimeter trail. The board agrees there is a need to educate the public on walking/using the land. The idea of a Power Point presentation played during town meeting was suggested so as to be on the record of such happening
- Initial talks of zoning changes as it applies to agriculture in town. The board suggests adding "Roadside Farm Stand" to the definition. Signs were discussed. T. Hardy recommended no more than 8' linear feet. Footprint, posts/pillars, and overall size with be continued in discussion at December meeting.
- Board decided to change December meeting from the 14th to the 7th.
- Moved by M Post and seconded by R. Clark to accept public minutes from October 12, 2017 as written; Motion passed 4-0-0.
- Moved by T. Hardy and seconded by R. Clark to accept non-public minutes from October 12, 2017 meeting as written; Motion passed 4-0-0.
- Moved by M. Post and seconded by R. Clark to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0-0, and meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

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

Respectively submitted by A. Pitarys, Secretary