

HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Members present: Stephen Craig (associate member), Janet Horne, Donna Kramer, Elisabeth Patt and William Suarez (associate member).

Members absent: Melissa Bailey, Robert Blair (associate member) and Helen MacArthur.

Meeting Called to Order: Chairperson Donna Kramer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes were accepted as printed.

Community Garden: Camille Kent will be posting notices relative to the progress of her garden for the Food Pantry. We need to get the remainder of the dirt out of the parking lot. Donna Kramer thanked Steve Craig, Elisabeth Patt and Bill Suarez for their work in getting the garden ready for planting. The plot map has been posted. Participants have been doing their planting. All ten boxes are full. The back end of the garden needs more soil. Since we are doing the boxes, a soil test was not necessary. Next year we will be able to start earlier.

Culinary Event: Steve Craig has met with Truffles. They are really excited about this project. Anna will create the menu but she needs to know what she can expect to receive from the various farms. One suggestion she had was have a course for each farm at which point the owner of the farm would be recognized. She will get the meat from her source. The date for the event will be August 23, 2010. Anna also said that if we wanted to, there is space available to set up a silent auction. The Food Pantry is very excited about the project and anything they can do to help they will do. If needed, we can use their logo. The following list was put together for contact with the farms.

Steve Craig

Arcadian Farm  
Outpost Farm  
Mayor's Plantation

Donna Kramer

Lee Smith  
Tim Donohue

Elisabeth Patt

Highland Farm  
Pat's Blueberries  
Herbs Cider Mill

Bill Suarez

MacArthur Farm  
Bullard Farm

Steve Craig will put together a letter for review by the Commission to be taken to each farm when asking for their participation in this project. Elisabeth Patt will check as to who the checks should be made out to.

Holliston Farms Day: Janet Horne reported that the letters have gone out to each of the farms.

Website: Bill Suarez reported that there is nothing new. The site has been quiet on activity. The live news feed has gotten a lot of traffic.

Miscellaneous: Donna Kramer will contact Bobby Blair to ask if he is planning to continue to be a member of the Commission. Donna Kramer reported that there is a big push by the state to Buy Local.

Bill Suarez made a motion, seconded by Steve Craig, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Horne, Clerk