

HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

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

Members absent: Melissa Bailey and Robert Blair (associate member)

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

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Helen MacArthur made a motion, seconded by Elisabeth Patt, to accept the minutes of the February 23, 2010 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Culinary Event: Janet Horne has gotten information with regard to the Historical Society Barn whose rental fee for a Monday evening would be \$250.00 and from the Town of Holliston for the Town Hall who does not like to rent the hall on a Monday evening. For another night the cost would be \$100.00 plus a \$300.00 security deposit. Steve Craig has spoken to the chef at Truffles and is waiting to hear back from him. Helen MacArthur has spoken to a chef who would be interested in helping with the project. Donna Kramer still needs to speak to Sylvia relative to the Food Pantry. Bill Suarez has not able to connect with Holly at Pinecrest.

Community Garden: Steve Craig will get a soil sample tested. Bill Suarez has gone to Lowes to price out wood for the boxes. Each box would cost approximately \$34.00. Bill will continue to check other sources for the wood. Watering would be a 36' high broadcast wheel at a cost of \$17.00. Three of these should be able to handle the watering. Additional relays would be \$15.00 each. We will also need to get some soil and a compost manure mix. We need 20 yards. Donna Kramer will check with Tom Smith relative to getting dirt from the town to level off the garden. Steve will contact Melissa Bailey relative to putting together a flyer for the Community Garden. It is hoped that we will be able to get the four corner posts of the fence in concrete. We are hoping to have the garden ready for planting by Memorial Day weekend. We presently have \$2,958.86 in our account.

Holliston Farms Day: It was decided that the date for Farms Day will be Sunday, September 12, 2010 with a rain date of Sunday, September 19, 2010. Janet Horne will send letters out to the various farms.

Website: Bill Suarez reported that everything is status quo. We should give some thought of putting tips on agriculture on the site.

Bill Suarez made a motion, seconded by Elisabeth Patt, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Horne, Clerk