

HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

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

Member absent: Robert Blair (associate member).

Guests: Camille Kent and Natalie Kent

Meeting Called to Order: Chairperson Donna Kramer called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Melissa Bailey made a motion, seconded by Bill Suarez, to accept the minutes of the March 16, 2010 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Camille Kent is a sophomore at Holliston High School and she has been asked to join the National Honor Society and she needs to present to them a leadership proposal. She would like to be responsible for a plot in the Community Garden to raise vegetables for the Food Pantry. She will also ask the farms for donation of plants. Bill Suarez made a motion, seconded by Helen MacArthur, to allow Camille Kent to do a garden for the Food Pantry. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Garden: Bill Suarez reported that the best price for lumber is Medway Lumber. The total cost for the boxes would be \$260.00. The broadcast sprinklers, relays and small hoses should come in around \$300.00. We still need dirt from the town. We also need compost and top soil. It should be cheaper by the truckload rather than by the bag. A work date will be set. Steve Craig reported that the dirt and compost will probably cost around \$700.00.

Culinary Event: Steve Craig discussed the proposal that we have received from Truffles. They would need to know what we can expect to get from the farms and work the menu around it. Bill Suarez made a motion, seconded by Helen MacArthur, to accept the proposal from Truffles. The motion passed unanimously., It was decided to have the dinner on a Monday evening. The meat choice needs to get resolved quickly. Need to ask Truffles if they have access to local distributors. Steve Craig will check with Arena, Melissa Bailey–Assoluna and Helen MacArthur–Harpies. We need to come up with a budget. Steve is going to check with Truffles relative to their thoughts on cost. Donna Kramer will check with Sylvia relative to the Food Pantry. Need to start getting information out the last week in June. With regard to advertising, need to include credit for the donating farms. Also see if we can get free advertising in the Holliston Tab. The

next meeting each member needs to bring a list for the invitations. Elisabeth Patt will check into the franking requirements.

Website: Bill Suarez reported that in March and April, there have been 200 visitors.

Holliston Farms Day: Janet Horne reported that the letters still need to go out.

The fact that the Right to Farm By-law information needs to be sent out every year as well as making sure that the realtors are aware of the by-law was brought up. Donna Kramer will check into the best way to proceed to have this done.

Melissa Bailey made a motion, seconded by Elisabeth Patt, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Horne, Clerk