

HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

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

Members absent: Donna Kramer, Elisabeth Patt and Mark Tripp (associate member).

Meeting Called to Order: Acting Chairperson William Suarez called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Inasmuch as we did not have a quorum the adoption of the minutes was moved to our next meeting.

Culinary Event: Stephen Craig reported that the presentation of the \$3000.00 check to the Holliston Food Pantry went very well. He received a letter from the Food Pantry expressing their appreciation. Steve reported that Pejamajo Cafe has expressed an interest in getting involved with the farms. They are also interested in getting involved with a smaller scale culinary event. Steve will also gauge to see if Truffles have an interest in holding another culinary event.

Farms Day: The day went great. Bullard Memorial Farm was very happy to participate this year and they had quite a few people visit the farm. They also have expressed an interest in developing a cranberry bog. Next year we need to start earlier in the planning of this event.

Celebrate Holliston: This was well attended this year. There were quite a few questions relative to where individuals can go to buy local eggs. There was also an interest in a Farmer's Market. The young people are going back to buying local. There was also a lot of talk about our culinary event.

Community Garden: Steve Craig and Bill Suarez did the winterizing of the garden last Saturday. An e-mail has gone out to all the gardeners relative to the cleaning up of their plots. We need to ask the town about creating a compost pile within an enclosure. Steve and Bill would like to rent a power auger because in the spring they will be putting up a permanent fence.

Website: Bill Suarez reported that he wants to put up a forum for the gardeners. Also he still needs to post pictures from the garden.

Cranberry Bog: The Holliston Historical Society is suppose to get back to us relative to developing a small cranberry bog on their property.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Horne, Clerk