

HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES

Monday, July 12, 2010

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

Guest: Tony Lulek

Meeting Called to Order: Chairperson Donna Kramer called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Stephen Craig made a motion, seconded by Helen MacArthur, to accept the minutes as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Meeting ByLaw: A copy of the new Open Meeting ByLaw was given to each member of the Commission for review.

61/61A Information: As a future project, Donna Kramer would like to have the commission go through the tax records in order to have a list of all 61 (Forest) and 61A (Agricultural) properties in the Town of Holliston.

Community Garden: William Suarez reported that one of the gardeners spoke to the Water Commissioner relative to watering the garden. The Commissioner has approved the use of the sprinkler on the garden. The various gardens are all doing very well. Another one of the gardeners has suggested having an informational exchange on the website. William Suarez will check into a forum mechanism on the site. The Honor Student's garden for the Food Pantry is also doing well. Mark Tripp reported that the greenhouse he has access to is 8 x 10. It was decided that we would put up the greenhouse in the fall after Farms Day.

Culinary Event: Stephen Craig reported that he will be meeting with Truffles next week in order to put together the menu for the event. Tony Lulek of Little Beehive Farm will be donating honey and Bobby Blair of the Mayor's Plantation will be donating flowers for the tables. Truffles can seat 75 to 100 people. The ticket price for this event will be \$50.00 per person with all profits going to the Food Pantry. We need to come up with a marketing plan because we want this event to be successful. We need to do a flyer which is e-mailable. Donna Kramer reported that the Food Pantry has advised her that we can use their database. Elisabeth Patt has sent an article to the MetroWest News but they are holding it until we firm up all the information. We will also be putting information about the event on Facebook, our Website, Holliston Cable, Holliston Reporter and Holliston Net News. All checks should be made out to the Holliston Agricultural Commission. Stephen Craig will be the information person and Elisabeth Patt will be the money person. Inasmuch as there is still a lot of planning that needs to be done, it was decided to have a special meeting of the Commission on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 7:00 PM with

this event the only item on the Agenda.

Holliston Farms Day: Janet Horne read an e-mail which she received from Tony Lulek of Little Beehive Farm which expressed his interest in participating in Farms Day. She also received an e-mail from Bobby Blair stating that he would be participating. We will need to contact the other farms directly to inquire as to their interest and if they do want to participate, what they intend to do so that we may incorporate that information on the flyer.

Website: William Suarez reported that, as mentioned previously, he is looking to put up a forum mechanism on the website.

Miscellaneous: Janet Horne reported that Bobby Blair has requested not to be reappointed to the Commission for the 1 year term as an Associate Member. Donna Kramer will be sending a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting that William Suarez be moved from an Associate Member to a Regular Member.

Our next five meeting dates will be:

July 27, 2010
August 17, 2010
September 7, 2010
October 19, 2010
November 16, 2010

Elisabeth Patt made a motion, seconded by Helen MacArthur, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Horne, Clerk