

HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Members present: Janet Horne, Donna Kramer, Tony Lulek, Helen MacArthur, Paula Mark (associate member) and William Suarez.

Guest: PJ Kilkelly

Meeting Called to Order: Chairperson Tony Lulek called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: William Suarez made a motion, seconded by Donna Kramer, to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2012 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Winter Event: The Middle School has been booked for Friday, March 22, 2013 from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. Andy Tomolonis has confirmed that he will be at the event. Tony Lulek has made a poster which he will put on Facebook. William Suarez will check with Steve Craig relative to his contacts for advertising. Paula Mark will put posters out around town. Suggestions for the placement of the posters were Senior Center, Post Office, Fiskes, all the farms stands that are open, Superette, Banks, Coffee Haven, Town Hall, Library, Market Basket, Shaws, Hannaford and Water Fresh. William Suarez will cover the newspapers, Tony Lulek will cover cable and Paula Mark will handle the flyers.

Farming Practices: The hives have been removed from Highland Street for the winter. A letter was sent to the Audubon relative to this situation. Tony Lulek reported that he met with Alyssa Shane of the Audubon relative to the use of the property at Broadmoor. We need to stay aware of what is going on at that property.

Website: Tony Lulek stated that he feels that the website needs to be refreshed. William Suarez will update the listing of the Commission members.

Miscellaneous: PJ Kilkelly has expressed an interest in joining the Commission as an associate member. Justin Brown has also expressed an interest. Tony Lulek explained what the Commission does. The Annual Report was reviewed and approved. The report will be sent to Andrea Minahan for printing in the town's Annual Report. Tony Lulek stated that George Fiske, who is on the Sherborn Agricultural Commission, has asked him to come to tell them what we do. The goal is to reach out to the town more. Would like to find the smaller farms and build more public awareness. Donna Kramer asked if the Commission would consider going through town records to see who is 61A and 61B. Donna Kramer also offered that perhaps we could develop a short term simple school program such as egg hatching in a classroom.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 and the March meeting will be on March 13, 2013.

Donna Kramer made a motion, seconded by William Suarez, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Horne, Clerk