

HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Members present: Janet Horne, PJ Kilkelly (associate member), Tony Lulek, Helen MacArthur and Paula Mark (associate member).

Members absent: Donna Kramer and William Suarez

Meeting Called to Order: Chairperson Tony Lulek called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Helen MacArthur made a motion, seconded by Paula Mark, to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2013 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Winter Event: Tony Lulek reported that everything is all set for the organic gardening presentation by Andy Tomolonis. He did not hear back from any of the farms relative to them coming and setting up a display table. The advertising for the event has been great. Janet Horne made a motion, seconded by PJ Kilkelly, that we give Andy Tomolonis \$100.00 for speaking at the event. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Garden: The clean-up at the community garden will be from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 6, 2013 and Sunday, April 7, 2013. There have already been 3 applicants for plots.

Website: The new website is now up. Tony Lulek asked if anyone sees anything that should be changed or added to please let him know. Janet Horne will send Tony pictures that have been taken at the Farms Day events.

Cranberries: Helen MacArthur reported that she called Wareham and they will not have any cranberry plants this year. Tony Lulek had checked with the Garden Club and they are okay with us selling these plants at the time of their annual sale in May. This will be a project for us for next year.

Miscellaneous: Helen MacArthur reported that she went to the Flower Show where there were 200 exhibitors. Mark Ahronian would like to come to our next meeting to speak to us relative to the water bans. Plant Something Day is May 15, 2013. Agriculture Day at the Statehouse is April 2, 2013. A letter from Justin Brown was forwarded to us from the Selectmen. Justin is requesting to fill the associate opening on the Commission. Helen MacArthur made a motion, seconded by PJ Kilkelly, to accept Justin Brown as an associate member. The motion passed unanimously. The next meeting will be on April 16, 2013. A discussion was held relative to ideas to get better communication between the Commission and the farms. One idea was to invite them to come to our meetings. Also, on Farms Day the Commission could set up a table at a different farm each year.

Paula Mark made a motion, seconded by PJ Kilkelly, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. The

motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Horne, Clerk