

HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

Members present: Justin Brown (associate), Janet Horne, Natalie Kent (associate), PJ Kilkelly (associate), Donna Kramer, Tony Lulek, Helen MacArthur and Paula Mark.

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

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Donna Kramer made a motion, seconded by Helen MacArthur, to accept the minutes of the March 5, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Garden: Tony Lulek asked Donna Kramer when we can get the compost for the garden. We will need the compost within the next couple of weeks. Tony Lulek reported that we still have one plot open. Everything is ready for the gardeners to start planting. Tony Lulek will check relative to the water being turned on. Paula Mark will check with Mark Connelly relative to the cranberry bog. There was a discussion relative to the fence. We would need a 6 foot high chain link fence. Natalie Kent stated that the fence would need to go one foot down in the ground. Natalie Kent is going to check with the Lions Club to see if we could get funding for the fence. Tony Lulek is going to check with the Garden Club. We need to add fund raising to our agenda for the next meeting.

Farms Day: It was decided that Farms Day will be on Sunday, September 14, 2014 with a rain date of Sunday, September 21, 2014. We need to pull together a list of the farms that will be participating.

Winter Event: Everyone agreed that it was a great event. PJ Kilkelly was thanked for all he did with bringing his animals to the event. The scavenger hunt done by the 4H under the guidance of Paula Mark was successful in making sure that people visited every table. Tony Lulek mentioned that perhaps we should think about charging admission next year. The consensus was that we want to keep it as a free event but welcome donations.

Website: PJ Kilkelly mentioned putting more pictures on the site. Justin Brown and Paula Mark volunteered to help out on the website. PJ Kilkelly stated that maybe we could put more current information on the site. Justin Brown mentioned putting on a blog. It was also discussed have various pages for various subjects such as backyard chickens and bees. We could also cover various topics such as cranberries, permits, chickens, homesteading, etc. We could also have a "Frequently Asked" questions page.

Miscellaneous: The next meeting date will be on May 20, 2014.

Justin Brown made a motion, seconded by PJ Kilkelly, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Horne, Clerk