

HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES

Thursday, May 29, 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: Vice Chairperson, Paula Mark called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Justin Brown made a motion, seconded by PJ Kilkelly, to accept the minutes of the April 16, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Garden and Cranberry Bog: Natalie Kent reported that she has been contacting the Lions Club, Newcomers Club and the Garden Club relative to grant possibilities for the fence. Natalie reported that she submitted a grant request to the Garden Club and we have received a grant of \$1300.00. The members of the Commission congratulated and thanked Natalie on the work that she had done to secure this grant for the Community Garden. Natalie is going to continue to check as to what other grants may be out there. PJ Kilkelly had Reliable Fence come to do an estimate as to what the expense would be for the fence. Their estimate was \$8000.00. PJ stated that he could put up the fence at a cost of \$2000.00 which would be the cost of the materials and he would be donating his labor. Helen MacArthur reported that we have \$2100.00 in our fund and with the \$1300.00 from the Garden Club we would be able to cover the cost of PJ's proposal. PJ also talked about building a 5x5 shed in the back. With regard to the fence, he would do the new fence around the existing fence and when completed take the old fence down. PJ has also put in a water tank inasmuch as there is still a problem getting water from the clubhouse. Justin Brown stated that he knows Tom Lamont and will explain to him what the problem is to see if he can come up with a solution. Justin Brown made a motion, seconded by Janet Horne, that the commission authorize PJ Kilkelly's proposal for the new fence. The motion passed unanimously. All members thanked PJ for all that he is doing relative to the garden. PJ Kilkelly mentioned that there could also be a possibility that we could get some funds from the Holliston in Bloom committee. The Community Garden is slated to be part of the tour for the judging. On the outside perimeter of the garden we will lay down wood chips and PJ will put down a weed mat between the boxes. It was suggested that we take pictures of before and after. Justin Brown stated that perhaps down the road we could do a greenhouse. With regard to the two boxes for the Cranberry Bog, we need sand and we need to start looking for cranberries to plant in the boxes.

Farms Day: This event will be on September 14, 2014 with a rain date of September 21, 2014. We need to come up with a listing of the participating farms. We need to start advertising the event after the 4th of July.

Website: Justin Brown and Paula Mark have been having problems in being able to access the site. Tony Lulek will correct this situation.

61A: Justin Brown stated that he has the listing of the 61A but it was decided to hold off on this

until a future meeting.

Miscellaneous: Paula Mark brought up that a seed library could possibly be an Agricultural Commission project. She is not sure how it works but will check into it. Tony Lulek stated that a seed swap is also a good idea. Tony Lulek reported that he went to a meeting in Hopkinton regarding their Farmers Market on the town green. There is a neighbor that has complained about the market that it should not be held on the green because it is commercial. There had been a ruling in favor of the market and the neighbor's appeal was denied. **The date for the next meeting will be Tuesday, June 17, 2014.**

Donna Kramer made a motion, seconded by Justin Brown, that the meeting adjourn at 8:40 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Horne, Clerk