

HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Friday, February 6, 2015

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 6:02 PM.

Town Committees: Tabled until the next meeting.

AgCom as a Whole Including Possible By-law Changes: Tabled until the next meeting.

Presentation to Selectmen: Tabled until the next meeting.

Donna Kramer stated that Cheryl Lekstrom from the Farm Bureau suggested that the Town Manager attend our meetings. It was suggested that we invite the selectman who is the liaison to the Agricultural Commission be invited to our meetings. It was also suggested that we print the minutes from other committees.

Grants: Natalie Kent reported that she is working on grants from Grow a Thousand and the Newcomers Club. It was suggested that she also submit a request for a grant from the Garden Club and Celebrate Holliston. PJ Kilkelly stated that we need a minimum of \$5000.00 for the aviary. He stated that he would do the work and the cost involved is for materials. Natalie said that she would bring a copy of each of the submitted grant requests to our meeting after they are completed.

Logo: Justin Brown stated that he had contacted an individual relative to developing a logo for us. She did supply us with a number of logos at no cost. Before making a final decision on a logo, Justin will contact her with a request for another logo which has three leaves and three cranberries. We will wait on a final decision on the logo until we see this design. Donna Kramer made a motion, seconded by PJ Kilkelly, that we just have the words "Holliston Agricultural Commission" on the Is It Spring Yet flyer rather than any type of logo. The motion passed unanimously.

Spring Event: It was decided that on the flyer rather than listing events we just put "Fun for the Entire Family". We need to mix it up from what we did last year. We need to highlight the community garden at the event. It was suggested that we give out seedlings for attendees to take and bring them to the Community Garden to plant in May. Donna Kramer will be in charge of getting the banner. The main banner will be Holliston Agricultural Commission. Under these words will be our logo and our website address. A separate smaller banner to attach on the bottom of the main banner will state "Is It Spring Yet" with the date March 22 on the second line. PJ Kilkelly said that the Holliston Town News wants to interview a member of the Commission with regard to the spring event. Paula Mark volunteered to do the interview.

Serocki Agricultural Preserve: We have to start focusing on how to get funds to maintain this property. Tony Lulek passed out information on forming a nonprofit corporation. We would need by-laws. It was also felt that someone from the Commission should always be a director. The purpose of the corporation would be strictly for fund raising. We need to think up a name for the fund. Tony Lulek will check with Lixy relative to the payment of the bills. Tony will also speak to Kevin Conley.

Donna Kramer made a motion, seconded by PJ Kilkelly, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Action Items

Natalie Kent ó Grant applications for Grow a Thousand, Newcomers Club, Garden Club and Celebrate Holliston.

Justin Brown ó Contact individual with regard to redesigning our logo.

Donna Kramer ó Holliston Agricultural Commission Banner.

Paula Mark ó Interview with Holliston Town News and publicity for Is It Spring Yet?

Tony Lulek ó Is It Spring Yet? Flyer. Check with Lixy relative to the payment of bills for the Serocki Agricultural Preserve. Also contact Kevin Conley relative to the same subject.

Everyone ó Come to the next meeting with ideas for a name for the nonprofit corporation.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Horne, Clerk