

# HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

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

Member absent: Donna Kramer

Interested Party: Bobby Blair

Meeting Called to Order: Chairperson, Tony Lulek called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Tony Lulek stated that he would like to start each meeting with a report from the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The Chairperson reported that he received a letter from the American Legion relative to the moving of the Joseph Serocki Memorial to the intersections of Rogers Road and Jeffrey Street. The Vice Chairperson had no report. The Secretary reported that all of the minutes have been submitted to the Town Clerk. The Treasurer reported that we have \$1,294.00 in our account. She also reported on meeting the new accountant.

Minutes of the Last Two Meetings: Paula Mark made a motion, seconded by PJ Kilkelly, to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2015 and February 6, 2015 meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Garden: Natalie Kent reported that at this point she has two plots that have been booked and paid for. PJ Kilkelly suggested that we advise people of the availability of plots on Facebook. Justin Brown stated that as the plots fill up, he will block them out by colors on a grid. April 15, 2015 is the deadline date for former planters to retain the same plot that they have had in the past. PJ Kilkelly stated that he is going to turn the plot by the gate into a raised plot.

Compost Bins: Justin Brown stated that Holliston in Bloom has a master list of projects for this year. One project is to promote compost bins in town. Justin will contact the Town Hall and the Department of Public Works to see if they may have some. It was felt that this could be a project that we could get involved with.

Logo: Justin Brown reported that he is waiting for the hand sketch from Tony Lulek. As soon as he receives the sketch he will have the new design for the logo.

Banner: Paula Mark said that she would check with Donna Kramer as to the status of the banner. The banner should be 16ø by 12ö. A banner of this size on Just for Banners is \$274.00. The weeks for displaying the banner need to be locked in.

Grants: Natalie Kent reported that the grant application has been submitted to Grow a Thousand. She is also going to be submitting grant applications to Celebrate Holliston, Newcomers Club

and the Garden Club. All members went over the questions on the grant applications. Justin Brown stated that he would like to take some of the information submitted on the application and put it on the website.

Serocki Agricultural Preserve: The subject of the payment of bills was brought up. Original copies of the bills need to be submitted to the Selectmen who will approve them for payment. PJ Kilkelly stated that there is a lot of shoveling of snow that needs to be done on the property. Right now everything is good at the property. We will get another oil fill next week. There is going to be the need of having a perimeter fence installed. Tony Lulek report that he and Donna Kramer went to the Conservation Committee meeting last week. We need to work with them as they will be setting up the guidelines with regard to the wetlands. Justin Brown asked if we answer to them. Tony Lulek stated that we would be reporting to the holder (Farm Bureau) of the CR. Approval of the CR has to be signed off by the Conservation Committee and the Board of Selectmen. We have to hold back on any concrete plans until we receive the resolution on the house. We can be involved with the maintenance of the land. There have not been any recent updates on the house. Tony Lulek will send an e-mail to Kevin Conley for an update on the house. Natalie Kent suggested that we think about adding another community garden on the property. Tony Lulek stated that he would also talk to Pulte relative to having a community garden for 55 and over at the proposed development at Brooksmount.

Town Committees: It is good for us to attend other committee meetings. We need to define what we do. Over the next couple of months we need to check what the committees are doing and if it has any bearing on our committee. We need to get out more.

Presentation to the Selectmen: We need to schedule a time that we can make a presentation at a Selectmen's meeting as to what we do and what our future plans may be.

Website: Justin Brown reported that the website has been updated.

St. Patrick's Day Breakfast: Bobby Blair reported that there would be a breakfast on Saturday, March 14, 2015 where the profits will be split between Holliston in Bloom and the Agricultural Commission. Tony Lulek stated that he would donate an item for a raffle. PJ Kilkelly will be the point person with regard to the tickets.

Spring Event: Justin Brown reported that we have 2 porta potties coming. The cost is \$135.00. We will also have purel for hand sanitizing. Paula Mark reported that she did the interview for the Holliston Town News. She has sent them pictures from last year's event. She has also sent information to the MetroWest News and to the schools. Justin Brown asked if we could get a sandwich board to advertise the event. PJ Kilkelly will be bringing his animals. We need to coordinate to help him and to work out the logistics. Paula Mark stated that we need to tie down the waiver. Does it have to be done? Helen MacArthur will be passing out seedlings to plant. We need to have someone at the door to collect the money. We will have a craft table highlighting butterflies and bees. We could be making a simple butterfly. Natalie Kent and Janet Horne will be at the craft table. It was decided that we will hold off naming the winner of the "Kiss the Pig" until the day of the event. We will have a table for the Community Garden. Justin Brown stated that we should do something to decorate the area. Paula Mark stated that we

could have cards to be punched at each table and those that are fully punched will be turned in for a drawing for either a basket of goods or a free plot in the community garden. We are going to need signs for parking and we also will need tables. Discussion was held relative to controlling people entering and exiting. We could put up some fencing which we could decorate. We could also get some cones from the Fire Station. We should also have a welcome sign. Also it was suggested that we use a hand stamp. With the number of tables and activities, it was decided that we need a minimum of 13 people to work the event.

Naming of Non-profit Fund: The name of SAP Community Project, Inc. was suggested. It was decided to table this item until the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 9, 2015.

Justin Brown made a motion, seconded by Paula Mark, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Action Items

Justin Brown ó contact the Town Hall and the Department of Public Works with regard to compost bins. Redesign on the Logo. Sandwich Board.

Natalie Kent ó Completion of grants.

Tony Lulek ó Handsketch of logo. E-mail to Kevin Conley relative to status of Serocki house. Check with Pulte with regard the establishment of a community garden at Brooksmount.

Paula Mark ó Check with Donna Kramer on the status of the banner. Check on the waiver.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Horne, Clerk