

HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, March 9, 2015

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

Member absent: Janet Horne

Interested Parties: Bobby Blair and Kristen Serocki

Meeting Called to Order: Chairperson, Tony Lulek called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Tony Lulek read the mission statement to the group and reminded the group that we are a volunteer commission. Tony adjusted the agenda and removed - Richard Hildreth - Butterflies, Logo, Banner, Grants, Community Garden, Compost Bins, Naming of Non Profit Fund, Website and Miscellaneous to be revisited at the April meeting.

Helen MacArthur gave the Treasurer's Report. There is \$1,656.76 in the account.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes were amended to change the wording of "Guest" to "Interested Party". Justin Brown made a motion, seconded by PJ Kilkelly, to accept the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Kiss the Pig: PJ Kilkelly passed out a report and it was agreed to send out Thank You letters to participants and to keep the results as much of a secret as possible to the community. The event was successful and raised \$2103.00 towards the Butterfly Aviary.

Spring Event: A list was gone through of what was needed and who was doing/supplying what. Natalie Kent brought a sample of a butterfly craft that she put together to be the craft. Helen MacArthur said she has marigolds started and will be bringing them for the attendees. The gift basket was discussed and the potential items that will go into the basket. Each person who is bringing something for the basket will bring it the day of the event and we will put it together then.

Serocki Agricultural Preserve: Tony Lulek reported that he has been in communication with Kevin Conley regarding the status of the house. We have been told that we should hear within the week, but it looks favorable. We have been instructed to come up with a budget for the house to submit to the town, our plans on the funding of this budget and what the purpose of the house will be. Justin Brown said he would work on this budget and report at the next meeting. Tony and Lixi will meet to work on the CR once we hear about the decision on the house. PJ Kilkelly provided receipts to Tony for expenses that have been incurred at the property, Tony will submit them to the town for reimbursement to PJ.

St. Patrick's Day Breakfast: All the tickets that the Agricultural Commission had for the breakfast have been spoken for. It was reported that there are people on Facebook looking for tickets. They have been directed to Town Hall who has the remaining unsold tickets. Tony will

be supplying a gift basket and PJ is supplying gift certificates to Mickey Cassidy's in Medway and John Stones Inn in Ashland.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Donna Kramer made a motion, seconded by Justin Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

Tony Lulek: Order punch cards for 3/22 event, Handicapped Parking sign, \$5 donation sign, poster for butterfly donation jar, "like us on facebook" sign, weed killer sign, Boss Hog sign, Community Garden Booklet for 3/22 event; and gift basket for St. Patrick's Day breakfast.

Paula: Bring banner to 3/22 event, supply basket and donation jar for butterfly garden for 3/22, track down community garden trifold w/photos and replace if not located, Thank Yous to Kiss the Pig participants.

Donna: cash box, sandwich boards, tables, balloons, 5 tarps, hand sanitizer, 10 tablecloths, 3 bags of shavings for 3/22 event, cancel banner through the town, contact police department to alert them of our event/parking.

Natalie: 4 parking signs, 4 enter here signs, 8 arrow signs, craft items, garden information for 3/22 event, send over map of garden plots to Justin.

Justin: contact the highway department to request Gorwin Drive be plowed wider, budget/plan for Serocki Property for next meeting

Helen: supply plants, tables and additional cash box for 3/22 event.

PJ: bring animals to 3/22 event, gift certificates for St. Patrick's Day breakfast.

Janet: any promotional posters to have at tables for 3/22 event.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Mark, Vice Chairperson