

HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

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

Member absent: Helen MacArthur

Meeting Called to Order: Chairperson Tony Lulek called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Rogers Road Property: It was reported that Eversource trucks have been going onto the property. We are currently waiting for other people to do things in order for us to proceed. Justin Brown stated that our approach needs to be proactive. We need to be ahead of the game and get things moving. We need to get a separate entity - 501(C)3. We need to be flanked by people with energy. PJ Kilkelly stated that we need to have guidelines. We should be meeting more frequently. Strategic plans should be laid out. Tony Lulek polled the members present relative to their interest on being part of the 501(C)3. This would be a completely different entity from the Agricultural Commission. This program would require grants and many volunteers. We need to bring in other people to give us direction. This whole process is going to take a long time and require a lot of work. It was suggested that we start a "Go Fund Me". We can start the paperwork on this now. We need a strategic plan versus a business plan. We then turned our attention to the CR. It was felt that this group needs to get the CR done. We need to lay out a plan. We also need to have a name. The CR as it is presently was reviewed. We need to check the laws. Justin Brown will continue to work on the CR. We need to come up with a list of names for the Advisory Board. We want the right players to kick the program off. We need to set a date for the meeting. We need to ask the question "what would we like to see happen on the property?" We need to find out what the abutting properties are. Tony mentioned that he has been approached by the 2017 senior class to use the barn on the property to store items for the senior auction.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 29, 2015.

Tony Lulek made a motion, seconded by Justin Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Horne, Clerk