

HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Members present: Janet Horne, Tony Lulek, Helen MacArthur, Paula Mark (associate member), William Suarez and Pete Westland (associate member).

Members absent: Stephen Craig (associate member) and Donna Kramer.

Meeting Called to Order: Vice Chairperson, William Suarez called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Pete Westland made a motion, seconded by Helen MacArthur, to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2012 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Culinary Event: The members reviewed the menu. Everyone liked the menu as it is presently put together. We need to check with the farms as to who is providing what food. We also need to determine who will be getting the paper goods. We have the use of the kitchen in the house and barn for both Saturday and Sunday. It was decided that Stephen Craig will be in charge of the advertising inasmuch as he has done this in the past. Bill Suarez will get the tickets. We are also asking for participation in the Farmers Market. There will be no charge for the booth space. The Agricultural Commission will also set up a table.

Community Garden: Bill Suarez reported that we have a visitor in the garden. The forum is starting to have some activity. Another box has been built for an additional gardener. The fence is doing well.

Farms Day: Janet Horne reported that she has been notified by Bullard Memorial Farm that they will be participating in this event for the whole day. Also Doehill Farm will be participating in Farms Day.

America in Bloom: The Agricultural Commission will work on the Community Garden. Tony Lulek reported that there will be announcements relative to clean ups.

Open Space: Pete Westland reported that he went to an open forum relative to Open Space a couple of weeks ago. There is a 5 year plan and we have a space marker in the plan. This is an avenue to get resources from the state.

Website: Bill Suarez reported on the forum activity. He encouraged the members of the Commission to register for the forum. He is doing some formatting to make the site wider.

Miscellaneous: The following dates were chosen for the next two meetings:

July 10, 2012
August 7, 2012

Tony Lulek spoke relative to being approached to have a Farmers Market in Holliston. It was decided that the Culinary Event would be a barometer to determine if there would be an interest. Helen MacArthur stated that a Farmers Market would take business away from our local farms.

Tony Lulek made a motion, seconded by Pete Westland, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Horne, Clerk