

HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

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

Member absent: Tyla Doolin (associate)

Interested Parties: Kate Canney, Abby Dawson, Kate Gray and Kristen Serocki.

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

Helen MacArthur, Treasurer, reported that the balance in our account is \$5,364.03. With regard to the Butterfly Aviary, following is the accounting:

Newcomers Club Grant	\$5,800.00
Scotts Grant	500.00
Kiss the Pig Contest	2,128.00
Winter Event	47.00
Donations	<u>147.00</u>
	\$8,622.00
Construction and procurement of Butterflies cost	<u>7,178.00</u>
Funds available for the continued upkeep of the Aviary	\$1,444.00

Paula Mark, Vice Chairperson, suggested that we should supply butterfly kits to the schools next year.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Paula Mark made a motion, seconded by Justin Brown, to accept the minutes of the September 29, 2015 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Garden and Butterfly Aviary: Natalie Kent reported that a quarter of the plots have been cleaned out. There are presently four people on the waiting list for next year. The present gardeners have until mid-February to make a commitment for next year. The application on the website needs to be updated. The front cranberry bed will be turned into a garden plot to be rented. The second week in November is the target date to close everything down. The water should be shut off by November 1. Natalie needs to contact the town relative to the shutting down of the water. Natalie will send out an e-mail to the gardeners relative to the clean-up date of November 1, 2015. We also need to clean out and take down the netting at the Butterfly Aviary. Natalie stated that we need to protect the mural as well as the outside signs during the coming winter season. It was suggested that we cover them with tarps for protection. Natalie

stated that she took down a tree branch that was leaning towards the aviary. It was suggested that we use some salt marsh hay for the plants. Paula Mark will check on the cost for this.

Rogers Road Property: Tony Lulek will be making a presentation to the Conservation Committee. He has looked at the barn on the property relative to the storing of items for the senior auction.

Haunted Hayride: The Lions require us to help the night of the event. We need people to direct the parking. Paula Mark stated that they are coming to the farm this weekend to check out the sites. Kristen Serocki stated that their driveway could be used for handicap parking. **At the conclusion of our meeting Chris Gaboriault stopped in to state that the Haunted Hayride has been cancelled for this year. They are looking forward to the planning of this event for next year.**

Justin Brown and Tony Lulek stepped out briefly to go to the Conservation Committee meeting relative to the CR on the Rogers property. The Conservation Committee's next meeting will be on November 3, 2015 when they stated that they will hopefully be ready to sign.

Website: Justin Brown reported that he has made some updates to the website.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17, 2015.

At 8:30 PM a roll call vote was taken to go into Executive Session for Reason #1.

At 9:15 PM the Executive Session ended.

Paula Mark made a motion, seconded by Justin Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Horne, Clerk