

HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Members present: Justin Brown (associate), Tyla Doolin (associate), Janet Horne, Tony Lulek and Helen MacArthur.

Members absent: Natalie Kent (associate) and Paula Mark.

Interested Parties: Ryan Cheney, Bobby Blair, Lisa Bobrin, Kate Gray, Chris Lee, Pat Maley and Kristen Serocki.

Meeting Called to Order: Chairperson, Tony Lulek called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

The Treasurer reported that we have \$4,386.60 in our account.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Justin Brown made a motion, seconded by Helen MacArthur, to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2015 meeting with one correction. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Garden and Butterfly Aviary: Tony Lulek reported that we had the clean-up and the winterizing done at the community garden and the butterfly aviary. Future discussion will be needed to determine how best to continue with this project. Chris Lee, one of the gardeners, questioned as to PJ Kilkelly's resignation from the Agricultural Commission. All the gardeners were shocked and upset. Chris was questioning what happened to cause this resignation. Tony stated that the resignation was PJ's decision. Chris stated that this resignation was a terrible loss for the gardeners. Tony stated that PJ did do a lot. There is a loss when someone leaves. He will be missed. Each person has contributed in their own specific way. The aviary was PJ's brain child. The community garden will continue. As we go forward things will be accomplished. It was requested that the subject of PJ's resignation be placed on the agenda of our next meeting.

Rogers Road Property: Tony Lulek reported that he has spoken with Liz Greendale who suggested setting up a sub-committee consisting of those who want to be involved with the Rogers Road property. Justin Brown stated that we have not heard anything yet from the Conservation Committee relative to the CR. Chuck thanked the Commission for their work on the CR. Now the Conservation Committee has to do their piece of the CR. The whole area needs to be surveyed. The Conservation Committee is looking to separate the land into two parcels (conservation land and agricultural land) ó Area A and Area B. We need to find a lawyer and accountant who would like to get involved with this project. We need someone to guide us in setting up the by-laws. Tony Lulek has spoken to Joel Morgenstern from Medway. Justin Brown suggested that we should move on setting up a subcommittee. We need to set up a date to meet. Tony Lulek introduced Pat Maley and Lisa Bobrin who spoke on setting up the educational concept. Lisa is interested in teaching people about growing and what to do with what you grow. Pat and Lisa would like to be co-directors of the educational program. Pat is

very interested in getting in on the ground floor. Tony applauded both for stepping up. Tony reported that the heat has been shut off in the house and the water pipes have been drained. We need to check into who would be plowing the driveway this winter. Tony will check with the DPW. If they will not plow, Justin stated that he could do it. Tony will check on the oil. Kristen Sirocki stated that she has seen hunters on the land.

Spring Event: Tony Lulek spoke about doing a seed program for the spring event next year. We would hold the event on the 1st weekend in April. We could put together a whole program and perhaps have it at the Rogers Road Property. Helen MacArthur stated that we could do it at her farmstand. We could have a seed exchange and also have a program on the proper way to mulch. It was also mentioned that perhaps we could also do something at the community garden.

Farms Day: The date for Farms Day next year will be Sunday, September 11, 2016. There will be no rain date. Tony Lulek stated that he hopes that we can get Bullard more involved in the day next year.

Miscellaneous: A copy of the annual report was given to each member of the commission to review and bring back to the next meeting with any changes or corrections. Tony Lulek reported that he went to a Planning Board meeting relative to Brooksmount Farm. We are going to withdraw from this project because anything on the property that we would be interested in, Pulte is going to use themselves.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Justin Brown made a motion, seconded by Helen MacArthur, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Horne, Clerk