

HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Members Present: PJ Kilkelly (Chair)
Charlie Roberts (Clerk)
Helen MacArthur (Treasurer)
Jocelyn Tremblay
Natalie Kent (Associate)

Members Absent: Tyla Doolin (Associate)
Justin Brown (Vice Chair)

Interested Parties: Kent Kissinger
Rachel Chambers

Meeting Called to Order: Chair, PJ Kilkelly called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

Public Comment: None

Ag and Art: Kent Kissinger explained what the cultural council does and that Rachel Chambers had come to them with the proposal and why they support her. Rachel Chambers explained her idea of doing an Ag and Art tour and explained how it could be tied into Farms Day. Rachel stated that artists would be tied to related farms participating. The Commission suggested that Rachel start to identify potential artists and provide list for the April meeting.

Minutes of the last Meetings:

Motion: Jocelyn Tremblay made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 2, 2016 meeting.

Second: PJ Kilkelly seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed unanimously.

Motion: Jocelyn Tremblay made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 7, 2016 meeting.

Second: PJ Kilkelly seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed unanimously.

Motion: PJ Kilkelly made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 1, 2017 meeting with a noted change.

Second: Jocelyn Tremblay seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed unanimously.

Butterfly Aviary: PJ Kilkelly gave an update on the Butterfly Aviary. PJ stated that he is going to the Garden Club meeting to discuss it. PJ discussed having hatching kits available.

Community Gardens: Natalie Kent gave an update on the community gardens. Natalie stated that she is redone the applications for the 2017 season to make them electronic. Natalie presented a revised plot layout. Natalie discussed updating some of the rules on the application.

Strategic Plan: PJ Kilkelly asked if we could review Justin's document and we will discuss it at the next meeting.

Ag Comm Meetings: PJ attended two State the MA Ag Com meetings. PJ stated that there is a movement with the MA Farm Bureau to help better support local Ag Coms.

Communications: PJ Kilkelly stated he would like to update the website. Jocelyn Tremblay will see if she can edit the current content.

Senior Center Spring Project: PJ Kilkelly stated that Chris Fosters project was approved locally and they are still waiting to hear at the State level.

Agriculture Day at the State House 2017: Jocelyn Tremblay reached out to local farmers to see what interest there is about being involved. Jocelyn stated that she had positive back from local farms. The date is April 4, 2017.

New Business:

Community Farm Family Day: PJ stated the Friends of Holliston Community Farm, Their next meeting is March 20. PJ asked that any interested come to the meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Wednesday April 5th, 2017.

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion: PJ Kilkelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:32pm.

Second: Jocelyn Tremblay seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Roberts, Clerk