

HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Members present: Justin Brown (associate), Janet Horne, Donna Kramer, PJ Kilkelly (associate), Tony Lulek and Paula Mark.

Member absent: Helen MacArthur

Guest: Natalie Kent

Meeting Called to Order: Chairperson, Tony Lulek called the meeting to order at 7:24 PM.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Donna Kramer made a motion, seconded by PJ Kilkelly, to accept the minutes of the June 24, 2013 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Garden: Donna Kramer reported that today the American in Bloom judges were expected to view the community garden. She waited 2 hours for them to arrive and then had to leave. Tony Lulek thanked Donna for her effort. Paula Mark has done a lot of weeding at the garden. Jim Turner, one of the gardeners, was the individual who built the additional boxes. The garden is now full with 20 boxes.

Board of Health Hearing: Tony Lulek reported of a complaint made by the neighbor of a family who has miniature horses. Tony felt that there was no contamination due to manure because it is contained. The Board of Health is waiting for final test results on the neighbor's well. Tony spoke at the meeting as a member of the Agricultural Commission. Tony also mentioned that another issue is that most people do not have farm family insurance.

Website: There is nothing new to report.

Farms Day: It was reported that the following farms will be participating in Farms Day: Lil' Folk, Out Post, PJ Kilkelly, Doehill, Newfound, Little Beehive, Arcadian, Mayor's Plantation, Bullard Memorial and MacArthurs. Paula Mark will handle the media coverage and Tony Lulek will be making the flyer.

Celebrate Holliston: Janet Horne stated that she will send in the application and fee for a booth at Celebrate Holliston. A discussion was held relative to participating in the parade. It is something for us all to think about and discuss at the next meeting.

Miscellaneous: Tony Lulek gave an outline of what the commission does to Natalie Kent who has expressed an interest in becoming a member of the commission. Donna Kramer explained the Right to Farm by-law. Tyler Doolin has also expressed an interest in becoming a member. Janet Horne made a motion, seconded by Donna Kramer, to make Paula Mark Vice Chairperson. The motion passed unanimously. It was suggested that we promote the idea of having students come and observe our meetings.

Donna Kramer made a motion, seconded by Paula Mark, to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM.
The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Horne, Clerk