

HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES

Wednesday, August 31, 2016

Members Present: PJ Kilkelly (Chair)  
Justin Brown (Vice Chair)  
Charlie Roberts (Clerk)  
Natalie Kent (Associate)  
Tyla Doolin (Associate)

Members Absent: Helen MacArthur (Treasurer)

Interested Parties: Jocelyn Tremblay (Member pending Selectman approval)

Meeting Called to Order: Chair, PJ Kilkelly called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Minutes of the last Meeting:

**Motion:** PJ Kilkelly made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 10, 2016 meeting.

**Second:** Justin Brown seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Butterfly Aviary: PJ Kilkelly gave an update on the Butterfly Aviary

\$3560 funds raised, \$1680 remaining – Aim to keep \$1000 in account to roll over to next year.

Aiming to keep it open until end of September

Justin suggested looking for sponsors, PJ suggested that we should look for grants as well.

It was suggested to have a sign up for people to sign up to help with chores.

PJ stated that Arohian Landscaping had donated \$200, Charlie will send a thank you note.

PJ hoping to get some more butterflies for Farms Day.

Community Gardens: Natalie Kent gave an update on the community gardens.

Natalie stated there had been a second incident where somebody had cut somebody elses vegetables and left them to the side.

Natalie said that she would send out an email to remind the gardeners not to take from others lots.

Strategic Plan: Justin Brown will send out some examples and we will table this until the November/December meetings.

AgCom Board Liaisons: Charlie Roberts mentioned Willow Brook Farm that is talking to the selectmen tonight about a complaint that was made by a neighbor.

Communications: Justin Brown said the website went down and it is back up now and it should be all set for future. Justin will continue to plug Farms Day on Facebook.

Farm Liaisons: PJ stated we should follow up on this later in the fall.

Celebrate Holliston: PJ stated that we will have a booth and the Community Farm will participate in the booth as well. PJ stated he got the booth flyers from Janet.

Farms Day: Charlie Roberts gave an update on Farms Day. He stated he had been working with Tony Lulek who had been really helpful in putting the flyers together. Charlie had printed out several 11x17 posters and Tyla had distributed them to various farms and local businesses. Charlie stated that once the final edits are made on the map and matrix he will send it to Tyla to get printed. Tyla will make 200 B&W copies of the 8.5x11 flyers with the map and matrix to be handed out at farms day. PJ stated need to get flyer out soon.

Membership: Jocelyn Tremblay stated she was still waiting to hear from the Selectmen it is on tonight's schedule. Charlie stated he would like a list of everyone contact details.

Charlie mentioned that he felt it would be good to have term limits on each of the Commission positions so that the same people are not burdened with the same positions for years at a time while providing a fresh face to each position on a regular basis it was decided this would be discussed further at the next meeting.

New Business: PJ mentioned Community Farm are having a Hunted Hay Ride and he thought we should help out by sponsoring.

**Motion:** PJ Kilkelly made a motion to have the AgCom participate in the Haunted Hay Ride Oct 28 at the community farm.

**Second:** Charlie Roberts seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** 2-0 Passed, Justin Brown abstained.

PJ stated Helen told him there is \$4514.70 in the account.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Wednesday October 5th, 2016.

Meeting Adjourned:

**Motion:** PJ Kilkelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12pm.

**Second:** Justin Brown seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:** Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlie Roberts, Clerk