

HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

Location: 109 PJ Kilkelly, Carrie Marsh, Grace Kilkelly, Shawn Ak,
Cherie Hafford
Date: 13 August 2019 TUESDAY Approved 10 Sept 2019
Time: 7pm
Facilitator: PJ Kilkelly

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order 7:02
2. Roll Call PJ, Carrie, Shawn, Cherie, Grace
3. Public Comment

Trimming the roadways. Invasive plants overtaking some major roads in Holliston. The Highway Dept was contacted and asked to trim. They do trim roadways at least once a year. There have been several meetings over past 5 or 6 years regarding this issue. Individuals and groups attempting to coordinate a collective effort to address. It was suggested that the Ag extension office might be willing to come evaluate Holliston's situation. While this is not an AgCom issue, the AgCom will send an email to farms on Highland Street reminding them they can contact the Highway Department and request they trim whatever is overgrowing the sidewalks and streets.

PJ reported he sent the MA Grown map and application to all farms, but has not received a response from anyone.

4. Approve Minutes
 - a. 18 June minutes (postponed from Jul meeting) approved with corrections
 - b. 09 July minutes approved with corrections
5. Approve Treasurer's Report: \$6,169.17
6. Old Business
 - a. 27 July Grade School Pollinator garden construction and planting: Carrie update Postpone again. Landscaper had family problems. Rescheduled to this Friday.
 - b. Butterflies: PJ update Monarchs about to hatch this week (100 chrysalis).
 - c. Community Garden: PJ update Patching wood on raised beds for the last 2 years: how can the committee gradually replace with more long-term material? 12 – 15 beds are no longer able to just be patched. There are 40 linear feet for each of the 33 plots: beds are 10 x 10 (approximately 7 cell blocks per side). However, concrete blocks would heave in winter so until there is another economical solution timber will continue to be used.
 - i) Maintenance: need \$1000 to purchase new boards and chicken wire for the perimeter, and to schedule a work party in November.

- d. Blog updates: Carrie: added posts to FB and will post to website. Cherie will send the login and pw to Carrie.
- e. Website updates: Cherie Hosting techs made a mistake, restoring the website.
- f. Farm Day (September)
- i) Brochures/posters CHANGES:
- (a) take out Happy Goat Farm.
 - (b) ADD AgCom booth in popup market section (information)
- (2) Day of the event PJ will drop off 500 B/W maps at the busy stations: Outpost 100, AgCom booth 100, Tony 60, Upswing 50, MacArthur 50; Arcadian 100, etc.
- (3) POSTERS. Locations include:
- 1 Bertucci's
 - 1 Butterfly House
 - 1 Casey's
 - 1 Central Café
 - 1 Coffee haven
 - 1 Corner Market
 - 1 CVS
 - 1 Firestation
 - 1 Fiske's
 - 1 Good Fella's
 - 1 Holliston Grille
 - 2 Library
 - 1 Middlesex Bank
 - 1 Pinecrest
 - 1 Police
 - 1 Post office
 - 1 Santander Bank
 - 1 Subway
 - 1 Superette
 - 2 or 3 Town hall
 - 1 First Congregational Church
 - 1 St. Mary's
 - 2 or 3 Christ the King Lutheran Church
 - 1 Temple Beth Torah
 - 1 MacArthur Farm
 - 1 Little Beehive Farm
 - 1 Arcadian Farms
 - 1 Outpost Farm
 - 1 Upswing Farm Stand

- (4) Cherie will send to Holliston back pack express
- (5) Cherie will send to Judy Ogareth
- ii) Literature for the booth. No decision
- iii) Collect email addresses for newsletter: Cherie will provide a sign-up sheet and clipboard.
- iv) Feedback form on the web. No decision
- v) 12 stakes for the signs. Cherie will purchase and give to PJ
- g. Celebrate Holliston (September)
 - i) Pj will set up an AgCom booth
 - ii) Milkweed seeds will be available: a donation will be requested
 - iii) Literature. No decision
 - i) Promote the APR. This is being addressed by various Holliston Boards. Carrie volunteered to put info in all neighbors' boxes should an action be required.

7. New Business

- a. Newsletter Carrie will add some graphics and send a copy to Holliston Reporter, Local Town pages, FB, and post to the website.
- b. Action items from Joint AgCom meeting
 - i) Map the Chapter 61 Land and open space Franklin found out about how many had 5 acres or more: sent mailer to inform them about Chapter 61.
 - ii) Another meeting is proposed between AgCom and open space.

Tabled

- h. Second butterfly house mural: Grace
- i. AgCom/intern programs: Carrie
- j. MA Grown map: Carrie
- k. Newsletter in December

Agenda

- October
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8. Adjournment

8:47pm