

Holliston Agricultural Commission

MINUTES

20 May 2021 at 7pm

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order 7:02pm

Chair read: Pursuant to the Governor's Order Suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c 30A paragraph 20 as well as the Select Board's Emergency Order dated 3/16/2020...the AgCom Committee is using remote participation for this meeting. The audio of this meeting is being recorded and will be posted to the Town's webpage within 24 hours in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Action requirement of keeping the public informed of actions during this meeting. I would ask that all participants remotely attending this meeting please state your name for identification purposes each time you speak throughout the meeting.

2. **Roll call attendance;** present: PJ, Carrie, Evan, Cherie
3. Public Comment: None
4. Approve Minutes: April 6 minutes approved
5. Approve Treasurer's Report: Last deposit 2,160. Total is 5,417.17
6. Community gardens and Butterfly House:
 - a. Gardens fully rented this year. PJ will provide map of all plots and the names of those renting each one.
 - b. 10 boxes will need maintenance (new wood in the fall) or early spring. Jim Taralli (Highland St) provides the cut timbers if given 6 weeks notice. Need four 10-foot lengths of 2 x 8 for each box.
 - c. Butterfly House TBD. Carrie was not able to find anyone who will take it on.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

1. New appointments to the board: PJ is continuing his membership for another month. John Locke withdrew his interest.
2. It would be helpful to have emails for the commercial farms in Holliston. Evan agreed to reach out to the farms and collect them. List of farms is on the AgCom website (<https://hollistonagcom.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Holliston.AgComFarms.pdf>)

3. Andy Reseska of Boston Honey Company spoke for Chris of Arcadian Farms: She believes the Lutheran Church was in conflict with local farmers by offering a popup farmer's market at their church on Farm Day.
4. Farm Day 2021
Celebrate Holliston is on Sep 18 with rain date 26th. Harvest Day is 19th and Farm Day is set for Sep 12th.
5. PJ resigned as AgCom Chair. Carrie was nominated and unanimously voted in as the new Chair.
6. Next meeting: June 8, 7pm. Evan will let all the farmers know of this meeting.

Adjournment 7:32pm

Minutes approved 08 June 2021