HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

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

Member absent: Helen MacArthur

Guests: Bobby Blair and Nasrin Morovaty

Meeting Called to Order: Chairperson, Tony Lulek called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Donna Kramer made a motion, seconded by Paula Mark, to accept the minutes of the July 23, 2013 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Garden: Nasrin Morovaty spoke on the greenhouse located in Lowell which needs to be moved by the end of October. The University of Lowell wants the space where the greenhouse is located. The women who owns the greenhouse has stated that she will give it to us for a donation, amount of which is not known. The greenhouse has a fan and heaters. Inasmuch as we do not have access at the garden for electricity, it does not seem feasible for us to acquire the greenhouse. It also could open up a lot of problems for us. It was suggested that instead of a greenhouse that we put a cold frame at each plot. There is again a weed problem at the garden and PJ will go up with a weed wacker. We should consider putting a weed mat under the chips in the spring.

<u>Farms Day:</u> Inasmuch as it has not been a good season for the Mayor's Plantation, Bobby Blair stated that he would not be taking part in Farms Day. Tony Lulek will do a new poster and flyer taking out the Mayor's Plantation. Paula Mark will distribute the signs and will take care of the publicity.

<u>Celebrate Holliston:</u> We will again have a free drawing of agricultural items and a table with informational material. It was decided that we would not participate in the parade.

<u>Website:</u> The website needs to be updated so that the positions of the members of the Agricultural Commission are correct.

Miscellaneous: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 17, 2013.

Donna Kramer made a motion, seconded by PJ Kilkelly, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Horne, Clerk