

Holliston Community Farm Board

Meeting minutes

12/12/19

Members in attendance: Jim Taralli, Kriss Westland, Dennis Prefontaine, Dennis and Kristen Serocki

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Kriss and seconded by Jim

Minutes approved by all members

Kevin Overshiner from Upswing farm came to the meeting to ask if they could use the farm as a pick up spot for their CSA members. They are looking for a more convenient area for their CSA members in this area to pick up due to their location change. 50% of their members are from Holliston.

They are still working out the details but they are thinking one day a week they would set up their wagon at the farm for a time frame for the members to pick up their shares and any other produce they may need. They possibly may be interested in having their seedling sale at the farm as well. This could be a great event for both Upswing and the Community farm as it would get our garden plot renters a chance to purchase their plants right there at the farm.

Kriss asked if it would be a possibility in exchange for the use of the space Brittney or Kevin could teach a class growing related at the farm. Kevin seemed to be okay with that. We also discussed the possibility of selling the flowers that we are growing there on their pick up days which will raise funds for projects at the farm. This will be another detail we will have to work out but seemed to be something we could all work out as well.

Jim made a motion to the group to allow Upswing to use the Holliston Community Farm as a pick up spot for their CSA members. All members of the committee agreed and no one said no.

We will send a letter to them to document our conversation.

Walter has most of his belongs off the property but due to the early snow he may still have some items there and will come and tarp his compost as soon as weather permits.

Dennis S. Mentioned we should revisit the signage for the driveway as there are still many visitors speeding up and down the driveway. Safety is a concern. Kriss will reach out to the DPW again.

Tour of the Grange commercial kitchen. Kris, Pete, and Dennis P were able to visit their kitchen and speak with Maureen Fitzgerald who manages the property. We may need to start considering having a more functional space kitchen. On their visit we have a lot to consider, would it get used enough for the expense, whom will be managing the space to keep the cleaning and maintenance up, and what would be the equipment we would use the most. We should definitely keep researching and seeing other kitchens.

Jim cut all the wood needed to start the foundation project. Now we just need to wait for the weather to be right.

Over the winter we need to tie up some loose ends and finish up a few projects.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30