

# **Holliston Community Farm Advisory Board**

## **Minutes 01/27/2022**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Members present: Dennis Prefontaine, Kriss Westland(phone), Shannon Gratton, Dennis(phone) and Kristen Serocki

Guest: Bobby Blair, Diana Phillips, Andy Reseeska(phone)

Minutes approved, Dennis Pre. made the motion to approve the minutes. Dennis Serocki Seconded it and all members approved.

Diana Phillips from Happy Goats Farm was interested in renting a ¼ acre space in the field at the farm to run a summer camp teaching girls to grow vegetables, flowers, and herbs. She is licensed through the town and health board. Diana is still working out all the details. As of now her plan is with Happy Goats Farm's van they would transport the girls, age 10-13 years old, to the farm M-F 9am-11am, weather dependent. They would use organic practices and possibly plant in raised beds. We would need to supply access to water to the garden plot. Diana would need to get a porta potty for the girls. Diana does carry camp insurance. There would be 2 adults to the 13 girls.

Dennis P. asked if Happy Goats insurance would cover them at the farm if something were to happen, he wanted to make sure that the town would not be responsible for anything. Diana was sure it would be will double check just in case.

Shannon made the motion to allow Happy Goats Farm the space to run their camp at the farm. Kristen Serocki seconded the motion and all members voted yes. No members were opposed.

We will need to meet again to come up with all details to the lease agreements.

Wild Robbins Farm: Would like to bring up a chicken tractor or two to raise meat chickens. Shannon is going to meet up with her to walk the property and find out what her plans are. After their meeting we can discuss and vote on leasing them the space.

Dennis P. Mentioned that we may need to think about how much we are charging for the leases to make sure we are generating the revenue we need to cover all our costs.

Dennis S. asked if there is anything that we need to do to get ready for the annual budget. It is getting tight time wise.

Bobby Blair: Friends of the Farm: Still waiting on an update

Bobby thanked the group for all the help getting ready for the New Year's Eve bon fire.

This year there was 15 gallons of cider purchased and may only need 11. There were 3 Kettles of regular chili and one of vegetarian chili. We only used 2 of the regular chili.

WE need to send Thank you too: Superette, Mark Delicker, and the Fire department.

There were about 160 tickets sold to raise \$1200, numbers are still not finalized.

Bobby suggested we use this event to kick off the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

The Marigold project would be happy to help get the seeds for the farm that we need for our seedling sale.

We are on the CPC agenda Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kriss and Dennis P will attend that meeting.

Andy Reseeska wanted to make a comment about Upswing Farm using the property for their CSA pick-ups and seedling sale pick-ups. He feels that it is a direct competition of the other farms in town, and they are taking business away from other businesses. He would like to have a meeting with the town administrator and council about this. Kriss Westland asked that we be invited to that meeting as well. The group mentioned all the work that Kevin and Brittney has done and help with at the farm in the past few years.

Seedling Sale:

We are wondering if we will be getting the compost donated again from Black Cow.

We may need to do starter plants again since the heat to the greenhouse will not be hooked up yet.

Weds was the best day for scheduled pick-ups of plants, we can also do Friday and Sat pick up with open shopping on Saturday.

We also did well with the raffle baskets so we should pull a couple more together.

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm Next meeting 02/16

