

Holliston Community Farm Advisory Board

Minutes 02/16/2022

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

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

Guest: Audrey Fergason, Kevin and Brittany Overshinner

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

Audrey Fergason joined the meeting via zoom. She is interested in learning more about what we do and helping at the farm. She worked at Natick Community Farm as an educator there. Shannon will help her with the process of writing her letter to the Select board to join the Commission.

Rental agreements:

- Brittany and Kevin- We should add that they may need to carry their own insurance which they already have and are covered. They are willing to pay for all the electricity use at the farm during the months we aren't utilizing it.
- Melissa- We did add a \$50 fee to the agreement on top of her paying for the water that she uses for her garden plot.
- Wild Robbins Farm- They will have 2 10x10 chicken tractors on a 1-acre space. The tractors will be moved daily so they are on fresh field every day. The chickens will be fenced as well as the tractor for the prevention of predators. She will use about the 10 gallons of water a day. The agreement will be \$150 for the time frame of April-Oct for the 1-acre plot. Dennis Pre. Made the motion to rent the 1-acre space to Wild Robbins Farm, Shannon 2nd the motion and all members voted yes.
- Happy Goats Farm- Received a great deal at Medway Community Farm that we could not match. So she will be holding her camp at that farm.
- Grisha(Compost)- He should be able to start selling compost this year. We need to touch base with him. He is trying to get certified with the D.E.P.

Site Update-

The parking lot is being plowed every storm.

We need to find someone to help with the digging of the trench for the electrical to the greenhouse. Dennis S is going to talk with Matt Dellicker about the work.

CPC- Dennis Pre and Kriss had sent them the presentation of what has been done and what we are still working on at the farm. They were happy with the progress.

Paul Saunier gave a suggestion for ideas about the composting toilet. We could do a flush toilet; Paul knows an architect to work on the plans for a 3-season toilet. We will need to reapply for the reallocations of the funds.

Kiosks with the scouts- They have written up the projects, they just need to be approved, raise the money and get their supplies. Hopefully they will be able to start in the spring.

Fundraising allocation: Kriss created a plan for where the monies from our fundraisers will be allocated between the Friends of Farm and town accounts.

Shannon made the motion to approve with the option to modify if needed, Kristen seconded the option and all members approved.

Seedling sale-

The Marigold project donated all the seeds for the Seedling sale. Kriss has not heard back if we can get the donation of compost again from Black Cow. Kristen will order the starter plants we will need. We should get more Jalapenos, Sun sugar toms, fantastic toms, basil, and we need some more nasturtium seeds. Audrey has helped with the Natick Community Farm sale so she would be happy to help. We just need to look in the garage to check our pot supplies so we can get those ordered.

Next meeting 3/3 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm

