

HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

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

Members absent: Natalie Kent (associate) and Helen MacArthur.

Guest: Nancy Farrell

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

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Paula Mark made a motion, seconded by PJ Kilkelly, to accept the minutes of the November 19, 2013 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Winter Event: Tony Lulek passed out the flyer for the event for the members input relative to if there should be any additional information on the flyer. Suggestions for activities were cherrio stringing, dipping pinecones in suet, making paper flowers and a scavenger hunt. PJ Kilkelly will do the newborn animals (chickens, goats, pigs, rabbits), the 4H Group, under the direction of Paula Mark, will take charge of the scavenger hunt, Donna Kramer will show her mini horses and donkey, Helen MacArthur will show how to plant seeds, Justin Brown and family will help out as well as do barn cut outs with painting, Janet Horne will cover the stringing of cherrios, and Tony Lulek will have a bee display. Paula Mark will handle the advertising of the event. Tony Lulek is going to be on the Heartbeat of Holliston with Mary Greendale the end of February at which time he will promote the event. Donna Kramer has some sandwich boards that we can put out advertising the event.

Cranberry Bog: Tony Lulek has spoken to Mary Greendale relative to the bog and she knows Jeff LeFleur. It was felt that it would be good to have Jeff come to one of our meetings to talk to us relative to cranberry bogs. There are some old cranberry bogs off of the trails on South Street. This area is conservation land. Native plants do not need to be flooded. Tony has asked Mary to invite Jeff to our next meeting.

Website: Tony Lulek has been working on the website. A new application has been done for the Community Garden plots. We have 20 plots that will be available and this information will be on the website. Paula Mark stated that she would do a community plot with volunteers to raise vegetables for the Food Pantry. The special needs children could also be involved with this project. Tony Lulek will develop a Facebook page for exchanging information and ideas. It could also be used for a crop or seed exchange.

61A: Donna Kramer stated that she has no report. She is currently compiling a list of who is and who isn't 61A.

Miscellaneous: It was reported that Dennis Morgan is planning to build condos on the land that

he previously had stated to the Agricultural Commission that he wanted to put in a wildflower field. Tony Lulek stated that he has spoken to the Holliston Newcomers with regard to getting some monies to go towards a fence at the Community Garden. It was announced that the All Boards Meeting will be on January 16, 2014. It was also announced that the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Agricultural Commissions would be on March 15, 2014. The next two meeting dates were picked and they will be February 18, 2014 and March 6, 2014.

Donna Kramer made a motion, seconded by Paula Mark, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Horne, Clerk