

Holliston Community Farm Board

Meeting minutes

03/26/19

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

Guests: P.J. Kilkelly, Aislinn Weaver, Gail Taralli, and Rita Bell

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm by Kriss and seconded by Jim

The Garden Plots: Fencing around the garden plots will be finished when the ground thaws and dries. Some of the poles need to be straightened before the fencing goes up. We are still waiting to hear back from some of the past renters if they are coming back. For this reason the plots will be built as needed. Lisa from the green team at the middle school would like to have 2 plots. They would be at a discounted rate of \$25 per season, to try to get the kids more involved. We will plan a day soon to move the plots and do the fence work, most likely after the Easter egg event.

Dumpster: We should finish cleaning the garage, get rid of old carpets and anything else in the house that is not useful before it is taken away.

House work: The group is double checking that Bill Bernard will still be able to do the excavation work around the house to fix the back wall of the garage. If so will he be able to pull the permit to get the work done?

The waterline out to the large leased plots as well as the garden plots will be run as soon as the weather allows.

Apiary: Pete Westland has gone out to check on the hives out back and two of the hives have survived and seem to be doing well. Kriss is still trying to find a way to get the schools involved.

Blueberry donation: The Marigold project would like to donate 100 blueberry bushes to the farm to honor the 100th anniversary of the American Legion. The group would like to be able to talk with Bobby Blair more about the donation. It also needs to have a plan to plant a crop like this for its success. The plan would include the planting, watering, and maintaining the blueberry bushes. There was a vote on putting them in next year after the garden plots are moved, the barn is finished and the property fences are done. All members of the group voted yes.

PJ mentioned to the group that the picket fence should be extended to the tree line to separate the Community farm property from the Serocki Farm.

Easter Egg Hunt: Event will start at 11 with the egg hunt to start at 12, this will give people time to get there before the hunt actually starts.

We should have 2 people running the check in table so there isn't a line. The group agreed to put a few signs out in the woods and in the field to help remind the children and parents to share the eggs so everyone gets some.

Kristen will pull together the activities for the kid's area and order all the fillers for the eggs. There will be an egg stuff night at the Westland's on Weds night the 3rd at 6:30.

PJ will be bringing chicks and goats to the event.

Next meeting will be April 11th at 7 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:42