

Holliston Community Farm Board

Meeting minutes

06/13/19

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

Guests: Gail Taralli, Bobby Blair

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

Site update:

The field: Cover crop is planted! A mixture of Sorghum Sudangrass, Buckwheat, clover, and oats was planted. This mixture will help with weed suppression, nutrient replacement, and adding organic matter back into the soil.

We need to find either someone willing to lend their equipment and time or just equipment to help cut the field in the future.

Barn: Rake board and soffit are up. The tar paper is up as well we just need to get the drip edge to go up and then shingle. We need at least 4 people to come and get this done in an afternoon. We will aim for June 22 nd depending on weather.

The garden plots: The school moved into 3 plots. We can't wait to see what they do with them.

Summer Parks and Rec class starts June 19th and ends July 31st every other week. Next year we should make a calendar for planting so the kids can see the time frame of planting to harvesting. Also make a list of the seeds varieties that we liked the best for the class.

Selectman update: June 24th update would like to talk to them to get some signs for the property such as drive slow, dogs on leashes, clean up after yourself and your dog.

There is a lead on someone to help with the foundation of the house.

The Bee inspector came and inspected the hives in the apiary, they are all doing really well. We need to put up an electric fence in case the bears come back.

Bobby had some fundraising ideas: He would like to plant Peonies, Daffodils, and Sunflowers to sell during multiple seasons to help raise money for the farm. The group voted and all voted yes to the idea. Bobby and a few of us will look at prices for the plants. We will also need to do some site prep and planning for fall planting.

There is a woman who is interested in having an outdoor focused preschool and is interested in the farm property as a home base for it. She would like to meet with us to chat at the next meeting.

CR- We all should read through it and we could meet with the conservation commission to discuss it and get it tied up and get it done. We should all pull together our vision for the farm and go from there.

Next meeting 7/11 adjourned 8:19