

# **Holliston Community Farm Advisory Committee Board**

## **Minutes from 10/13/20 Meeting**

Meeting started at 6:36

Members present: Kristine Westland, Dennis Prefontaine, Jim Taralli, Kristen Serocki, and Dennis Serocki

Guests: Tina Hein, Sue Nersessian, Shannon Gratton

Kriss Westland read the required zoom meeting announcement for the group.

Meeting minutes: Motion to approve prior meeting minutes made by Dennis Serocki, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kriss Westland.

Sue Nersessian our FinCom liaison joined the group this evening to introduce herself and let us know if we have any questions or guidance with the financial aspect of future projects she is here to help. Sue received a letter from Medway Community Farm looking for donations. She will forward it along as it might be something we are able to do.

Sue mentioned reaching out to James Keast, facilitates manager, to see if he could help us out with some of the repairs to the house.

Becky Ciastko shared her presentation on the future vision of the farm, this included plans for the farm house and plan for the rest of the property.

There were questions about the costs of the remodel to the house. Now that the plan is done the committee will need to start looking into the costs of this project. We do still need to have the back foundation wall fixed before anything else can happen. This will also help us with setting some fund raising goals.

Tina Hein asked if we have reached out to parks and Rec to see if we could do some programs with them. We have had programs through Parks and Rec but have had to put those on hold due to Covid-19

Part of the plan was to turn down the downstairs into a functional office, Tina asked who would use the office. Kriss mentioned it could be the office for who could be managing the farm and storage for all the paperwork and farm records.

It was mentioned that we should reach out to the CPC about possible funds for some of our outdoor recreational projects we would like to start working on as well.

Members of the girl scouts joined the meeting to give us an update about their pollinator hotel and garden they are putting on the property. Tessa Belak and Kathy Walters spoke about the design, it will be made with several hexagon shapes to be about 10-12 feet wide. They would like to start getting the beds placed and do some fall planting as soon as possible. We should meet to stake out the area. The first layer will be planted now and the second will be set up in the spring. Kathy asked if we had soil and boards for this project on the property.

Site update: Did everyone see the too do list that was created and sent out. Let's plan a project day for the 24<sup>th</sup> to see if we can do some of that list

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm