

Holliston Community Farm Advisory Board

Minutes 07/22/2021

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm.

Members present: Dennis Serocki, Jim Taralli, Kriss Westland, Shannon Gratton, and Kristen Serocki

Absent: Dennis PreFontaine

Minutes approved with the notes to erase old information on document and fix spelling error.

Right Away Herbicide treatment with Eversource: Kriss looked up the plan vegetation management plan by Eversource. We discussed the distances in that need to be kept between spray zone and agricultural land. Also need to find all the wetlands on the property as well as abutting property. Kristen will reach out to the wildlife protection division; both the farm and 38 Rogers rd. are in a zone for some protected animals. We will also reach out to the Town Council and Conservation commission about the 3 different herbicides that Eversource wants to use: Glyphosate, Arsenault Pro, and Escort.

Greenhouse: An Anonymous donor would like to purchase a heater and door for the greenhouse to help with our growing season as well help so we can start more of our own plants for the seedling sale.

The heater is about \$2650, and the door is about \$825-\$1200. What else do we need to get the heater working? We would need propane tanks and an account with a dealer. WE would need the electrical panel to be replaced in the house. The Friends of the Farm is still holding the money for this from a grant they received for the electrical work. As of now we have two quotes for the electrical work from Chipman and Bomba. We will also need fans to move the heat throughout the greenhouse, other hardware, wiring, outlets and junction boxes. So thinking the project may be about \$7500.

Front sign: there are some supply issues so there is a delay. We need to call dig safe to have them come out and mark for the digging of the posts. We also need to look at the area it will

be going to make sure it goes in the best space. The Joseph Serocki memorial will stay where it is.

Dennis P. will look into the boy scouts doing the kiosks around the property.

Driveway: we really need to have the driveway done, with all the rain it has been tough for visitors to drive up and through due to the trenches in the mud. We need to measure the area to get the spacing down to 600ft for the gravel funding.

Saturday we will do the measuring and some other projects as well as do some farm projects on Tuesday evening.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38