

Holliston Community Farm Advisory Board

Minutes 03/16/2021

Meeting called to order at 6:39pm Kriss Westland read the meeting opening article and took attendance.

Members present Dennis Prefontaine, Dennis Serocki, Kriss Westland, Shannon Gratton, and Kristen Serocki

Motion to approve the last meetings minutes by Dennis Prefontaine seconded by Dennis Serocki. Approved by all members with an edit on a date for the seedling sale

Grisha and Compost project- Grisha sent an outline of the project and his plans, the committee members all had a chance to review and had some questions.

Dennis P. asked how many trucks do you think will be coming? Grisha said he would like to start small and if things go smoothly and there is a market for his compost, he would like to get a grow it bigger. He would like to help fix the ruts in the driveway and would not drive back when it is too wet.

Shannon asked: How will you keep it like a sanctuary up at the farm, many people go there because it is quiet and peaceful. The area on the property he would like to use is out of the way so it should not be a problem. He doesn't have much equipment that would disturb anyone and is flexible so not to cause an issue.

Kriss asked: Where would the materials come from for the compost? He would get wood chips and leaves from some landscapers, and manure from horse farms.

He would create piles, a starter pile, cooking, and finished. There will be a fan system in the piles so it will heat and move the airflow through the pile.

Kriss asked what he felt would be a fair rental fee. HE would like to a fixed fee or base on the success. It will be about a season before he will be able to sell it. Grisha also has offered help around the farm, compost, helping with classes at the farm as well for being able to use the property.

Kristen made a motion to accept Grishas of Shady Farm to start a composting project at the farm. Dennis S seconded the motion. All members presented voted yes Jim Taralli was not there to vote.

We will need to work out the details of the agreement and get that to Grisha.

Parks and Rec class- Its full! 15 kids! Some topics we are thinking would be to cover are, soil testing (jar method), bees, composting, possible nature walk. We need to make a more structured plan for the classes.

Site update: We will need to get plots made and filled. We could spend the weekend of April 10 and 11th to start doing the building as well as the planting for seedling sale. As well as set up some barriers for the lawn area so people do not drive over the septic.

Seedling sale: Shannon set up a form for people to order from it. Please take a look so we can move forward and see how it works.

Adjourned 8:23pm

Next meeting March 31st