

Holliston Community Farm Advisory Board

Minutes 02/17/2021

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm Kriss Westland read the meeting opening article and took attendance.

Members present Dennis Prefontaine, Jim Taralli, Kriss Westland, and Kristen Serocki

Guests: Shannon Gratton, Tony Lulek, Bobby Blair

Motion to approve the last meetings minutes by Dennis Prefontaine seconded by Jim.
Approved by all members.

Tony Lulek joined the meeting as a representative for the Norfolk Bee Association. He wanted to check in and see what was happening at the bee Apiary. Kriss explained that there are open spaces for both the Bee association as well as community members. Covid has limited the push to rent spaces. Tony will help promote the availability of spaces through the Bee association as well as other branches. He said there was a large group signed up for bee school this year so that may be a perfect time to promote.

Bobby Blair gave an update on the Farmers market he is trying to start at Blair Square. He will be going in front of the Select Board on the 22nd with the business plan, parking and set up plan. He believes all monies will be managed through the Friends of the Farm. He did apply for a grant for a handwashing station for the market. He is not sure about whether they need porta potties and trash pickup. If the costs aren't too high and the BOS give approval, the farmers market will be on.

Shannon has submitted a letter to the BOS with her interest in joining the Community Farm Board. She is on the agenda on the 22nd.

Matt Zettick- Has been in touch with Black Earth compost, they would like to donate to the farm. Jim made a motion to accept the compost from Black Earth, Dennis P 2nd the motion. The group voted and all members voted yes.

Seedling Sale: We decide to get a truck load of soil from Weston's, it is cheaper then ordering packaged soil. We will add to that to make a lighter seedling mix. Our pots and supplies have been ordered and so have some of the starter plants we will need by Kristen. There is a high demand for seedling and seeds so hopefully we will get everything we need.

Large rental: We will need to work out the rental agreement for Melissa. We need to add a separate meter on her area of the field so we can keep track of the water useage.

Next meeting, we need to focus on our budget to present to the town.

Next meeting March 3rd at 6:30 pm, meeting adjourned at 7:35pm