

Holliston Community Farm Advisory Board

Minutes 06/21/2022

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

Meeting called to order at 7:04

Motion to approve the last meetings minutes by Dennis Prefontaine seconded by Shannon with a couple of changes noted. Approved by all members.

CPC- There is a grey area for funding with the house, there are people still looking into whether we will be allowed to use any of the funds for creating a public restroom in the building.

We would probably need to reapply for funds since our original plan was a composting toilet, but that ended up being much more expensive than we thought.

Dennis P. has tried to reach out again to Mike for the electrical panel but has not heard back from him.

After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that we need to have a timeline from PJ Kilkelly for the basement wall repair project. If the wall doesn't get fixed soon the house will suffer more damage and so will the integrity of the house. We may need to start looking into other Masons to help us if PJ is unable to help.

Becki has come up with an architectural plan for a bathroom on the right side of the house which would be accessible from the outside. All this will depend on CPC funds and getting the wall fixed.

Revolving account: We need to get a copy of the activity on our account so we can get a better understanding of the balance. We have been told it has a negative balance, but we don't understand why considering we have made several deposits as well as payments for the plots and our bills have been minimal. Dennis S. will reach out to the Treasurer for the information so we can sort the funds out.

Garden Plots: We will need to come up with a plan for next spring to start replacing the boards around the plots. Maybe Jim will be available to help us with the lumber. We also need to do a clean up of the area around the plots. Possibly a renter involved clean up.

HCAAT would like to come out July 20th to do a video, maybe we should plan a clean up before that date. Let's plan them on July 11th and 18th from 6-8.

Farms Day: We have a lot of other projects happening on the farm that needs our attention, so we are skipping this year's event.

Seedling Sale: After expenses we made \$903. Of which \$587 + \$40 will go to the revolving account the rest will go to the Friends of the Farm since the checks were made out that way. We need to do a lot more marketing and start sooner next year.

We need to change the mission statement for the committee and change it on the website. Kriss has been working on the new mission statement. She read it to the group. There was a motion to approve the new statement by Kristen and Shannon seconded the motion. The committee voted; all members voted yes.

There have been two more people that have reached out for larger plots on the farm. Our next meeting should be about this and also a RFP for the field.

Next meeting will be August 2nd.

Meeting adjourned