

Holliston Community Farm Board

Meeting minutes

08/09/18

Members in attendance: James Taralli, Bobby Blair, Kriss Westland, Amine Benali, Kristen and Dennis Serocki

Guests: PJ Kilkelly, Gail Taralli

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by Kriss and seconded by Bobby

Minutes were approved by Kriss and seconded by Bobby.

Halloween Event: Possible night for Oct 20th. Need to check on the football schedule and other events.

- Should we focus on a more kid friendly event instead of the scarier?
- Betty believes we should add to all the sites to make them bigger and better.
- We would like to add different sites to the event. An idea is a Holliston theme, sites such as 8 arch bridge, Casey's crossing, Superette, Chesmore Funeral, Fiske's, etc.
- We would like to look into the event being longer, would we need the police detail?
- We would like to get the local businesses involved. We will send out a letter to give them an option to create a site, man a site, or financially sponsor a site. Betty will work on the letter and pass around to the businesses in town. It would be helpful to revisit these businesses for reminders.
- We would like it to be a much longer track, we may need to come up with a different path. Also do we want to have a separate trail for some scarier sites
- We will have a meeting soon to start the planning and searching for more volunteers.

Farm to Table:

- There is a need for volunteers for the event in all areas, set up, prep, and clean up.

Friends of update: As of right now the members are: Dennis Perfontaine, Rita Bell, Aislinn Weaver, Renee, and PJ. There is a need for more active members that can offer skill sets needed to help work on the farm, promote events and the property, fundraising, and grant writing as examples.

Site update:

Greenhouse: need to turn down the water. The peppers and tomatoes are getting over watered

The cost for the irrigation was \$270 for supplies and \$ 280 for hose and timer.

Field: Check with Dennis about the cutting of the field. Tim Drake said he may be able to help.

Barn: Still waiting on Mark Dellicker

Apiary: Curtis Armitage works with Veterans affairs may have some vets that would be interested in having some hives at the apiary. We need to get down there to do some clean-up of trees that fell in storms and over growth for safety. Also add some boards to the fence for protection from animals.

We really need to start finding some volunteers to help around the farm with clean ups, signage, and all other projects.

We may need to rework the community plots agreement, which would have the renters more responsible for clean up around the plots.

We need to check in again with Conservation Commission about the CR and where we stand with it.

Meeting adjourned 8:30

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