

HOLLISTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Members present: Robert Blair (associate member), Tim Donohue (associate member), Janet Horne and Donna Kramer.

Members absent: Melissa Bailey, Helen MacArthur and Elisabeth Patt.

Guests: Steve Craig and William Suarez.

Meeting Called to Order: Chairperson Donna Kramer called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Tim Donohue made a motion, seconded by Janet Horne, to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Garden: Donna Kramer thanked Steve Craig for all the work that he has done on the garden. Steven helped to pull rocks from the site with Brian Kramer. Steve also spread 500 pounds of lime into the dirt. The soil tested okay. Sixty pounds of compost donated by the town has been dumped so the dirt is now usable. Don Kramer has spread the compost and tilled the garden. Bobby Blair donated the deer fencing as well as posts which will be put in next year. We will be using metal posts this year and need to purchase at least 25 posts and place them 6 to 8 feet apart around the garden. We also need to install a gate. Bill Suarez estimates that the hosing for irrigation would cost \$225.00. One 70 foot soaker hose could do two plots. The water will be running off of the back of the clubhouse. The target date for people to start planting is Sunday, June 28, 2009.

Sunflower Contest: It was decided that we will plant in the community garden any sunflowers which were not given out for the contest.

Website: Bill Suarez reported that he has added some new links on the site.

Holliston Farms Day: Inasmuch as we have not yet had any firm commitment from some of the farms, with the exception of the Mayor's Plantation and MacArthur's Farm, members of the Commission will directly contact the following farms: Donna Kramer - Arcadian Farm, Janet Horne - Outpost Farm and Bobby Blair - Highland Farm.

Marigold Project: Bobby Blair reported that the lillies are starting to flower. He will plant flowers by the marker placed in memory of Michael Koshivas at Town Hall.

Commission Appointment: Janet Horne will send a letter to the Board of Selectmen stating that the Commission unanimously voted approval of William Suarez's appointment as an alternate member and request that they make this appointment.

Miscellaneous: There is a meeting with regard to the need of a State Agricultural Commission on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at the Farm Bureau office in Ashland. Bobby Blair will go to this meeting as a representative from Holliston's Commission. The dates for the next three meetings were selected. These dates are July 21, 2009, August 18, 2009 and September 8, 2009.

Tim Donohue made a motion, seconded by Bobby Blair, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Horne, Clerk