

TOWN OF KINGSTON
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting held 05/31/07

Those present: Christine Nava, Beth Corbett, Barry Mathias, Rui Santos, Phil Burnham, Jean Landis Naumann,

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairman Nava.

Corrected minutes of 5/24/07 accepted. Jean will turn these in to the Town Clerk.

Lydia Mathias, Marnie O'Brien Hoffshire, Kelly Cram and Phil Walters were also present to discuss the August Kingston Agricultural Celebration. Lydia has agreed to co-chair this event with Barry. Date Tuesday 8/21 with a rain date of 8/22.

Lydia and Beth have both looked at the available space on the Town Green.

Lydia spoke with Peggy Gallagher who has agreed to put an ad for our event in the program book for the arts festival. She asks that we supply the wording for this ad.

Lydia also spoke with the Board of Health and was assured we would need no special permits for a one day event. She will get this in writing.

Lydia has left a message for the Garden Club and Marnie will ask her mother to mention it at their next meeting.

Peggy Gallagher has agreed to bring her bees and honey to the event. She volunteered her daughter Iris to help with any computer work.

Lydia has lined up a spinner. She will work with Rui on crafting an application for exhibitors and vendors. The Town Clerk's office has agreed to provide applications to the public and place it on the town web site. Christine will contact Shelly about the web site. Kelly Stever will write articles on the event.

Kelly agreed to bring her llamas. The Hatches will have a table of fresh vegetables for sale.

Christine spoke with Jane Napolitano about having the FFA members involved. The Navas will have old and new tractors on display.

Kelly will contact Colleen Fogarty about exhibiting her rabbits and Lydia will follow up with Rockin' Rabbits. Kelly will also ask a neighbor who has a pony.

Lydia will contact Shorty's Ice Cream and True Blue Barbeque. She will also ask Mark Beaton if he is interested.

Barry will solicit a donation from Weymouth Bank. All donations need to be made out to "Town of Kingston". Phil will contact the Extension Service about possible funding for this event.

It was agreed that we will charge a fee of \$10 for each sales vendor and \$20 for each prepared food vendor.

Barry will contact the Highway Department for trash barrels and saw horses and the Police department regarding a detail officer.

There was some discussion of a raffle and the need for a one-day license.

Jean agreed to have posters made if someone will design them. Christine will work on obtaining a banner that can include the names of our sponsors (\$100 minimum contribution). We may need a permit to put this sign up ahead of time on the Green.

Barry will check to see if we can use the tables and chairs from the Faunce School. We would like to set up the prepared food tables near the Faunce School.

The group agreed to run this event from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM with an hour before and after for setup and cleanup.

Phil will contact WATD to get some free publicity and see if Liz Raven will broadcast from the event.

The Town Clerk can assist us in identifying students who need community service and are interested in working on this event.

Lydia advised the group that she and Barry will be away 8/1-8/12. Jean will be away 7/28-8/18.

Jean will obtain Kingston letterhead and prepare letters to the Green Street residents and the Library Trustees.

Phil will clear everything at the Fire Department.

Next meeting scheduled for 6/28 at 7:00 PM. in Room 203

.Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Landis Naumann