

Heritage Farm Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 7, 2023

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting at Bolton Heritage Farm on August 7, 2023 at 5:30 PM. Members in attendance were Chairman Arlene Fiano, Rhea Klein, Cara Wraight, Ann Maulucci, Bonnie Massey, and Paula Lynn. Building and grounds supervisor John Butrymovich and Kevin Drake, who is assisting the Commission with publicity for events, were also in attendance. Vice Chairman Beth Harney and Commission Member Leslie Shea were not in attendance. Board Clerk Corrine O'Brien was also not in attendance.

1. Call to order

Arlene called the meeting to order at 5:37 P.M.

2. Election of Officers

Paula was seated for Beth Harney for the election.

Arlene Fiano offered to continue serving at Chairman. Beth Harney has offered to continue serving as Vice Chairman & Treasurer. All in favor.

3. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on July 10, 2023

Rhea made a motion to accept without corrections. Paula seconded.

4. Resident's Forum (Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda)

Nothing at this time.

5. Correspondence

One e-mail from town resident Gwen Marion inquiring what we will do with the buttons found from each regiment during the Digging into History event. Arlene will respond that we plan to purchase a climate controlled display case with funds secured through a grant.

6. Unfinished Business

A. Farm maintenance Report / Potable Water project update

John Butrymovich informed the Commission that the Town has been mowing the fields. The filter has been installed as a part of the Potable Water project. The Town needs to sign off on documents from the State of Connecticut. We are hoping to have this completed by October in time for the Living History event.

B. Update on Fund Raising

Beth Harney was not present. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

C. NPS Way Finding Signage

Nothing at this time.

D. Sleighbells Ring

We are all set for participation in the Winter Faire which will occur the Saturday before Thanksgiving. We will start workshops after Living History weekend. Arlene asked that everyone start looking for tree decorations.

E. Living History Weekend October 7 & 8, 2023

First Selectman Pam Sawyer asked Arlene to set up biweekly Zoom meetings between Patrick Carroll of Le Regiment Bourbonnais, Kevin Drake, Town Administration and the Commission. The meetings will

start this Monday, August 14 at 8:30 AM. The meetings will serve as a check-in for all parties to ensure this event is a success. Kevin Drake will be leading publicity for the event. We will discuss amenities needed, including parking and shuttles. We will also discuss soliciting student volunteers from Bolton High School. Rhea has offered to create a schedule of volunteers for both days. Bonnie has spoken with the Women's Auxiliary Group who will volunteer working a continental breakfast (coffee, tea, donuts, fruit) Saturday morning from 7:00 to 9:00 AM under a tent.

F. 2026 WaRO / W3R National Trail Celebration

TBD. Arlene will connect Cara with her contact so Cara can attend the monthly meetings to find out more information on what the celebration will entail, and how we can participate.

G. LOTCIP Grant

No updates.

7. New Business

A. Digging into History debrief

Feedback has been positive thus far. The students were successful in finding artifacts on the Farm.

B. Thank You notes

Cara will send a thank you note to Mr. Fish for his donation of vanilla ice cream for the Digging into History event. Cara will send another thank you note to Amanda Andersen at the Congregational Church for their flexibility in renting us their space for the event.

C. Festival of Trees

The Festival of Trees is returning this year. We will start to think of a theme for our tree. Kevin Drake offered his Cricut machine for paper tree decorations as needed.

8. Adjournment

Cara made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rhea seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cara Wraight
Commission Member

PLEASE SEE THE MINUTES OF SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THESE MINUTES AND ANY CORRECTIONS HERETO.

