

Heritage Farm Commission
Regular Meeting
June 6, 2016

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held a regular meeting on June 6, 2016 at Heritage Farm, 266 Bolton Center Road. Members in attendance were Chairman Sandra Pierog, Arlene Fiano, Ann Maulucci, Beth Harney and Kathy Aspinall. Building and grounds supervisor John Butrymovich was also present. Bolton residents in attendance were Richard Treat.

1. Call to order

Sandra Pierog called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. Tour of Barn/update on repairs

Sandra took the Commission on a tour of the barn to see all the work that has been completed and showed areas of the barn that are going to be repaired soon. She showed everyone the how well the dry ice blasting worked. Sandra took everyone inside to the east side of the barn and stated they will be replacing a sill which will require excavation under the side door. Sandra stated if there are enough funds they would be putting in a ramp under the large side door so the barn would have handicap accessibility. She also stated all the new windows will have copper sills and the North side of the barn will also be painted. Also the east side will have new siding as well, with work above the ridge line funded by insurance. Sandra stated the work should be completed by August.

3. Approval of the Minutes of May 2, 2016

Arlene Fiano made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Kathy Aspinall.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Farm maintenance and repair projects

John Butrymovich stated that save a tree came out and sprayed invasives and also sprayed the wall. He also stated the alarm system was tested out and they have not been down to check on the deer netting yet. He also stated Leonard Giglio started to hay.

B. Update on barn repairs (post fire)

As stated above the repairs should be complete by August.

C. Update on Fund Raising

Sandra stated that she and Arlene Fiano set up a tag sale at the farm during the town wide tag sale. In addition, Bonnie Massey contributed tag sale items. It was very successful and they raised \$101.00.

D. Farmers Market 2016

Sandra stated that Bob Morra will organize all the farmers again. Arlene suggested writing up a letter and sending it to all the farmers and other vendors who might want to participate. Sandra will draft the letter for approval at the next meeting.

E. Heritage Weekend 2016

Sandra stated she has not been able to get an archeologist to commit or give an estimate to come out to organize a weekend dig. Sandra and other Commission members all agreed the barn should be done and Heritage Weekend will be showcasing the newly repaired barn. Sandra stated the Chief of the fire department will present a slide show of the history of the Bolton fire department during Heritage Weekend at the fire station.

F. Financial Feasibility proposal

Beth Harney had a meeting with Maura Cochran to discuss setting up a plan of action for the future use of the barn. Sandra suggested all the Commission members do a little research on other local barns and farms, in preparation for taking action at the July meeting.

G. Discussion of location of type of memorial recognitions

Nothing at this time

H. Bolton Center Subcommittee (formerly Vibrant Communities grant) status report

Nothing at this time

I. Student/School Participation

Nothing at this time

J. Policy for Use of the Farm by Organized Groups

Nothing at this time

K. Future Use of Farm House

Nothing at this time

L. Other

Nothing at this time

5. New Business

A. Schedule site Visit

No need to schedule a site visit because the Commission held its June Meeting at the barn.

B. Archeological site Boundaries

Nothing at this time

C. Discussion of Future Grants, Repair opportunities

Sandra suggested getting a grant for the story board; she stated we should speak with Maura Cochran regarding potential sources of funding and material for the story boards.

D. Other

Sandra stated she and Joyce Stille approved use of the farm for a relay site for the American Radio relay League. Sandra stated they will only come to the farm on Saturdays during daylight hours and set up a dish and broadcast a view of the Heritage Farm.

Sandra also stated John Butrymovich passed along an email from a biology professor at Trinity College looking to use the farm for firefly research. Sandra read the email to the commission which stated they were interested in coming to the farm at night from June-August and the professor also offered a public fire fly walk. Everyone from the Commission all agreed the professor could use the farm for fire fly research. Sandra will notify the professor of the Commission's approval and inquire about a presentation.

6. Adjournment

Beth Harney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Arlene Fiano seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corrine O'Brien
Board Clerk

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MINUTES AND ANY CORRECTIONS HERETO.