

Heritage Farm Commission
Special Meeting
May 2, 2016

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held a special meeting on May 2, 2016 at the Notch Road Municipal building. 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 Bonnie Massey.

1. Call to order

Sandra Pierog called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

2. Approval of the Minutes of March 7, 2016

In the first line the date should read March 7, 2016- removing the letter J

The second line should read Kathy Aspinall, with Aspinall being one word

Kathy Aspinall made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections; the motion was seconded by Ann Maulucci. Beth Harney and Arlene Fiano both abstained from voting because they were not at the last Commission meeting. The motion passed.

3. Unfinished Business

A. Farm maintenance and repair projects

John Butrymovich stated that save a tree is coming out to spray for invasives. He also stated signs are up and the parking lot has been graded. Sandra asked John if he could check on the trees the Boy Scouts planted and see if the deer netting is still in place.

B. Update on barn repairs (post fire)

Sandra Pierog handed out two emails she had received. One was from Proulx Building and Remodeling which itemized the repair costs. The other email was from Joyce Stille which listed the amount the insurance company would be paying. Sandra stated that on the low end the Commission would roughly have 60,000 left over after barn repairs were complete. She stated they were going add a ramp and handicap accessibility to the barn and the Commission would discuss future repairs that are needed and try and get a matching grant.

C. Discussion of Location of type of Memorial Recognitions

Kathy Aspinall stated after doing some research she was going to hold off for now and look into other options.

D. Bolton Center Subcommittee (Formerly Vibrant Communities grant) status report

Sandra shared with the Commission that the town has been awarded a Community Connectivity grant from the state. She stated there are two areas in town they are looking at one is route 44 and the other is the center of town. The center of town project would have a bike path to connect Herrick Park, the High School, and Town Hall, the library as well as the Center School.

E. Farmers Market 2016

The farmers market will be held the last weekend in August. Arlene Fiano suggested having the farmers market on the town green and possibly having Bolton businesses across from the green in front of the library.

F. Student/School participation

Nothing at this time

G. Policy for use of the farm by organized groups

Nothing at this time

H. Future use of the Farm House

Nothing at this time

I. Other

Arlene Fiano stated the town wide tag sale is coming up in May and would like to have the Commission set up at the farm and have a tag sale. She stated if she has two boxes of things and if any other Commission members have anything they would like to donate and sell at the garage sale; the proceeds would go the farm.

4. New Business

A. Schedule Site Visit

Sandra stated next month's Commission meeting will be held at the farm June 6, 2016 at 6:30.

B. Heritage Weekend 2016

Sandra stated she is still waiting to hear back about having an archeological dig for Heritage weekend. Sandra also stated she will have to look and see what dates will work for Heritage Weekend this year. Arlene Fiano suggested if the archeological dig does not happen they could have an open house of the barn with all the repairs and work completed for Heritage Weekend.

C. Archeological Site Boundaries

Nothing at this time

D. Financial Feasibility Proposal

Arlene Fiano stated she would like to move the barn forward and would like to do a financial study of the farm. The Commission all agreed having a concrete plan with data about the farm with different options would be needed to have the Board of Selectmen and the town better understand and see the farms potential. Sandra stated she would look at surrounding towns and find a financial feasibility analysis and bring to the next Commission meeting.

E. Discussion of Future Grants, Repair Opportunities

Arlene suggested putting signage up at the farm that would tell the story of the Heritage Farm. This would inform the residents of the Bolton as well as anybody else visiting the farm.

F. Other

Sandra stated Family day was on May 30th and the Commission was invited. Sandra stated she will bring Rosie the cow and a tent. She will set up around 9 A.M.

5. Adjournment

Beth Harney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kathy Aspinall seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corrine O'Brien
Board Clerk

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