

Heritage Farm Commission
Regular Meeting
September 11, 2017

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on September 11, 2017 at the Notch Road Municipal Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Sandra Pierog, Arlene Fiano, Kathy Aspinall, and Ann Maulucci. Building and grounds supervisor John Butrymovich was also present. Alternate Bonnie Massey was also present.

1. Call to order

Sandra called the meeting to order at 7:21 P.M.

2. Approval of minutes of August 7, 2017

August 7, 2017 minutes have the following corrections: Under section 3A add “discussed” after Richard Treat. The following sentence after highway add “department”

Section 3D the first sentence after Commission add “know”

Also in section 3D the third sentence should read” Arlene stated she will “meet with Jim Cropley” the Monday before the farmers market.

Arlene Fiano made a motion to approve the August 7, 2017 minutes with the above corrections; Kathy Aspinall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. Unfinished Business

A. Farm maintenance and repair projects

John stated they have mowed a few large fields that are not included in the WHIP grant.

B. Update on barn repairs, including potential alarm upgrades, foundation, electrical

John stated he received a quote from Security Technologies but is going back and forth with the fire marshal trying to come up with a plan for communication out for an alarm event. The State requirements are for two methods of communication. Land lines are very expensive to maintain so cellular is the cost effective method. Use of only cellular communication will require a waiver from the fire marshal. John also stated that he received a quote from the electrician that includes 4 simple porcelain lights and one outlet inside the milk shed. John stated the quote was for \$1,900.00.

C. Heritage Weekend 2017

Sandra stated she reached out to Amy Patterson from the Connecticut Association of Land and Trust for possible charrette leader; however there is a date conflict with their organization and Heritage Weekend. Sandra suggested for Heritage weekend open the barn up for tours and has a garage sale. Everyone agreed and thought that was a good idea. October 1st 1-3 PM, open barn and a tag sale.

D. Farmers Market 2017 Wrap Up

Sandra stated the Commission made \$169.00 from the raffle and selling of snacks and water.

Arlene made a thank you flyer to hand out to all that participated as well as a certificate for the farmers and vendors. She also had 2018 farmers’ market flyers to hand out to prior year’s vendors who were not able to attend this year.

Arlene suggested for next year’s farmers market to have a tasting tent for vendors to feature their products, she is going check with Holly about having a license for tasting.

E. Update on Fund Raising

Nothing at this time

F. Discussion of Location of and Type of Memorial Recognitions

Nothing at this time

G. Student/School Participation

Nothing at this time

H. Policy for Use of the Farm by Organized Groups

Nothing at this time

I. Future use of Farm House

Nothing at this time

J. Other

Nothing at this time

4. New Business

A. Discussion of Future Grants and Repair Opportunities

Nothing at this time

B. Farm Update Presentation for Board of Selectmen

Sandra stated on September 26th at 7 PM in the BHS commons that Richard Treat, Gwen Marion and Sandra will be giving a presentation. The presentation will be a slide show and narrative displaying the history of the farm since the town of Bolton purchased the land.

C. Other

Kathy asked the Commission if they would like a table at this year's Winter Faire. Sandra stated they would like a table. Kathy stated she would get cocoa and candy canes and Sandra stated she has left over cards to sell as well as mugs. Sandra also stated she is waiting for Gwen to give her a photo of the newly painted barn so Sandra can order more mugs with the new photo on them and will be ordering mugs with the old black and white photo of the farm from Brandy St.

5. Adjournment

Arlene Fiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kathy Aspinall seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corrine O'Brien
Board Clerk

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

