

Heritage Farm Commission
Regular Meeting
December 4, 2017

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on December 4, 2017 at the Notch Road Municipal Center. Members in attendance were Arlene Fiano, Kathy Aspinall and Ann Maulucci. Building and grounds supervisor John Butrymovich was also present. Alternate Bonnie Massey was present and Bolton residents Richard Treat, Ruth Hoffman and Sandra Pierog were present.

1. Call to order

Arlene called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

2. Approval of minutes of November 6, 2017

November 6, 2017 minutes have the following corrections: Under section 3A, after clearing add “the stone walls”, under section 3D should read “shipped and”. Kathy made a motion to approve the minutes with the above corrections, Ann Maulucci seconded the motion. Arlen abstained. The motion passed.

Arlene made a motion to move 4A on the agenda to be placed before unfinished business; Kathy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. New Business

A. Election of New Chairman

Kathy made a motion to nominate Arlene Fiano as chairman, Ann Maulucci seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Arlene made a motion to nominate Beth Harney as vice chairman, Ann seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. Unfinished Business

A. Farm maintenance and repair projects

John stated they are still working on mowing the stone walls. John informed the Commission he tested the paint on the house and there was lead present.

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

John stated the purchase order has been submitted for upgrading the fire alarm in the barn. John stated the contractor will hopefully start work after the holidays.

C. Tree Donation, Update on Site Visit, Viability

Arlene stated she will call Helen and inform her that the farm is not the right place for the tree. The Commission all agreed it's a lot of work with it being such a big tree and also the tree is not native to CT.

D. Update on Fund Raising-Winter Faire Recap

Sandra stated the Commission made \$165.00 at the Winter Faire. Sandra also informed the Commission that Roise currently has \$1,981 and Pennies on the Porch has an estimated \$2,000.

E. Discussion of Location of and Type of Memorial Recognitions

Nothing at this time

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 Farm House

Arlene stated she was speaking with Mike Soucy on Steele's Crossing. He runs Breakaway Brew Haus, a brewery in Bolton. Arlene stated he showed some interest in using the house and/or barn. Arlene would like to invite him to a meeting and hear his thoughts and ideas about using the property. Arlene stated she would reach out to him and invite him to the next Commission meeting.

I. BCC Christmas Tree Event

Arlene stated the Commission won 2nd place for the festival of trees at the Bolton Congregational Church. The Commission received \$200 through donations for coming in 2nd place.

J. Other

Ann brought in a letter she received from the Bolton Congregational Church thanking the Commission for their donation of miscellaneous items.

4. New Business

B. Discussion of Future Grants, Repair Opportunities

Sandra stated the Commission was not eligible for the 1776 Foundation grant because the project has to be shovel ready and the funds have to be available. Arlene stated after the firm alarm upgrade is complete she would like to see the house painted. Sandra stated she would contact Larry Converse about getting a quote for scrapping and painting the house.

C. Other

Bonnie Massey asked about vacancies on the board. Sandra stated if anyone is interested they can go to town hall and fill out an interest form for the Commission.

5. Adjournment

Kathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ann seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 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.