

Heritage Farm Commission
Regular Meeting
March 6, 2017

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on March 6, 2017 at the Notch Road Municipal building. Members in attendance were Chairman Sandra Pierog, Arlene Fiano, Ann Maulucci and Kathy Aspinall. Building and grounds supervisor John Butrymovich was also present. Alternate Bonnie Massey was not present. Bolton residents Ruth Hoffman and Steve Betty Aitkin were also in attendance.

1. Call to order

Sandra called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

2. Approval of the Minutes of February 6, 2016

Arlene Fiano made a motion to accept the minutes with the following corrections:

Under item 3D bike walk should read: Bike Walk

Item 3D should read: at the farm would include dedication of the bench for Joel Hoffman and planting of a lilac bush

Kathy Aspinall seconded the motion, the motion passed.

3. Unfinished Business

A. Farm maintenance and repair projects

John Butrymovich stated they replaced three window panes on the house because of damage from strong winds.

B. Update on barn repairs (post fire)

Sandra stated the barn repairs are complete, she received the final bill. John Butrymovich stated he has not received any leftover supplies from Rob yet. John also tacked up wires they were hanging down. Sandra stated the milk room is also complete and looks great.

C. Heritage Weekend 2017

Arlene Fiano stated she was still speaking with Jim Cropley and planning things. She will have more information at the next meeting.

D. Update on Trails Day Hike 2017

Arlene stated the event is being planned and brochures are being handed out. Arlene stated they have organized a ride on June 3rd to leave the commuter lot at 1:30 PM and ride to Andover. Rain date is scheduled for June 4th.

E. Update on Fund Raising

Nothing at this time

F. Financial Feasibility Proposal and Grant Information

Arlene stated a request for additional information from the grantor has been requested. The grantor would like to know what the Commission hopes to achieve out of the feasibility study. Arlene and Sandra both stated they will think about the question more and make a detailed list.

G. Discussion of Location of and Type of Memorial Recognitions

Nothing at this time

H. Bolton Subcommittee (Formerly Vibrant Communities Grant) Status Report

Nothing at this time, Sandra stated this is going to be taken off the agenda.

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

Betty Aitkin a Bolton resident spoke to the Commission about placing bee hives at the farm. The Commission members all thought this was a great idea and all agreed. Betty will start with two hives and place them on the farm at the end of April beginning of May. Betty stated the bees are European and are very gentle. The bee hives will be placed in the same location as the previous hives with access to Bolton Center road.

4. New Business

A. Discussion of Future Grants, Repair Opportunities

Nothing at this time

B. Bolton Family Day 2017(after Memorial Day Parade)

Nothing at this time

C. Other

Arlene stated she has a lot of items left over from last year's town wide tag sale. She would like the Commission to participate again this year and anything left over can go to Goodwill.

Arlene also stated she had spoken with Jim Cropley and he is going to invite the Nutmeg Antique Truck Organization to this year's farmer's market. Arlene also stated she would like to extend an invitation to food venues in Bolton to the farmer's market.

Arlene mentioned to John that a lot of the netting is down where the Boy Scouts planted. She also stated there is a roll of netting left over left there. John stated he would have his guys check it out.

Sandra stated the farmer's market needs to be added to the agenda.

5. Adjournment

Kathy Aspinall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ann Maulucci seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corrine O'Brien
Board Clerk

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

