

**Heritage Farm Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 4, 2018**

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on June 4, 2018 at 6:00 PM the Bolton Heritage Farm, 266 Bolton Center Road, Bolton Ct. Members in attendance were Chairman Arlene Fiano, Rhea Klein, Beth Harney, Kathy Aspinall, Ann Maulucci and alternate Raymond Marrison. John Butrymovich, building and grounds supervisor was also present. Members of the public in attendance were Michael Sonntag, Debbie Livingston and Richard Treat. Alternates Bonnie Massey and Jon Treat were not in attendance.

**1. Call to order**

Arlene called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

**2. Approval of minutes of May 7, 2108**

Corrections: Section 5H should read-The farmers market will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup> the last Sunday of the month.

Beth Harney made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Ann Maulucci. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Resident's Forum (Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda)**

Arlene moved item **5M Trail Addition /Maintenance Update** on the agenda to section 3.

Deb Livingston shared information from the spur walk.

Arlene Fiano, Beth Harney, Rhea Kline, John Butrymovich and resident Richard Treat walked the spur trail with Deb Livingston prior to the meeting. They all agreed that creating a new trail beginning in the upper North East corner of the BHF property, where the picnic tables are, would greatly enhance the existing trail system. Arlene stated that Deb is going to reach out to the Board of Selectmen. She and John will work on a plan of action to move forward. Arlene suggested reaching out to the boy scouts to see if they could help work on the path.

Debbie stated the cross country series at the farm will be starting June 20<sup>th</sup> and run for 8 weeks. The new trail spur will not be ready for this years series.

**4. Correspondence**

Through an email sent to Deb Livingston, of the Bolton Land Trust, a concerned resident shared her worries about pesticides being sprayed at the farm prior to a trails day scavenger hunt event . Arlene replied to the email explaining the WHIP program spraying, which is for vegetation, and that the signs were not for pesticides.

**5. Unfinished Business**

**A. Farm Maintenance, Repair Projects, Porch Update**

John stated that Steve Damon from Damon Enterprise Painting was finished painting the house. Although the contract was for a single coat of paint two coats of paint were applied to the entire house while a third coat was applied to the bottom 10 feet of the house.

He also said that Country Carpenters were waiting for the turned porch posts to be completed.

Arlene stated that both the painting and porch restoration work have been above and beyond what the contracts have called for. She hopes to recognize these businesses. One suggestion was to have a story board in the kiosk that gives credit to all the companies that have given their time and materials for improvements to the Farm.

**B. Update on Fund Raising**

Arlene suggested starting a fundraiser for repairing windows on the house. Rhea suggested having sunset yoga classes at the BHF with all donations going to the BHF fund. Arlene suggested having a meeting at her house to further discuss fundraising ideas and brain storm.

### **C. Student/School Participation/Education Programs**

Nothing at this time

### **D. Future use of the Farm House**

Nothing at this time

### **E. Policy for Use of the Farm by Organized Groups**

Nothing at this time

### **F. Memorial Day/ Family Day Participation**

The Commission did not participate

### **G. 2020 Town Celebration**

Arlene stated the next meeting is June 11<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall at 7:00PM.

### **H. 2018 Farmers Market Antique Truck Tractor Parade**

The Farmers market will be held on the last Sunday in August. Arlene stated she has spoken with Jim Cropley and he has agreed to work with the Commission again and organize, plan and promote the event. Jim is willingly to help with the trucks and tractors. Raymond is going to have his tractors there as well. Arlene stated she is going to contact Holly Hood to see if it's possible to have one tent that meets all sanitization codes and restrictions so people can sample goods being sold at the Farmers Market.

### **I. Social Media/ Town Website Updates/ BHF Presentation/ Documentary**

Arlene stated that Rhea is going to be scanning an invitation to the farmers market as well as the CT Historic Preservation Award both to be posted on the town's website.

### **J. Possible Shovel Ready Grant Projects**

Nothing at this time

### **K. Memorial Garden**

Arlene stated she has not heard back from Sandra yet.

### **L. Eagle Scout Projects**

Michael Sontag spoke with the Commission about the recent fundraiser for the weather station Eagle project. He stated the bottle drive was a success. He stated that his neighbor is going to help him make a post for the weather station. Michael also stated he is still waiting to hear back from Rain Wise about sponsorship. He is also going to reach out to larger groups and Commissions for further donations.

## **6. New Business**

### **A. Discussion of Future Grants, Repair Opportunities**

Nothing at this time

### **B. Other**

Arlene stated that Paula Morra had approached her about collaborating with the Bolton Senior Center for this years Heritage Weekend. The Senior Center is celebrating its 20th year and Paula was hoping to recognize some of Bolton's longest residents. Arlene and Rhea suggested the BHF Commission recognize the Rose family and the generations of farming that continued at the BHF through the Rose family. Arlene asked if Kathy would be willingly to help with the creation of an booklet with old pics and articles of the Rose Farm.

Arlene asked Raymond that if haying was to take place on a Wednesday during the race series to please keep the race area free of machinery. Raymond expressed the need to keep the driveway entrance to the

BHFarm clear of parked vehicles for access and egress of large farm equipment during the haying process as well.

**7. Adjournment**

Rhea made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Beth seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corrine O'Brien  
Board Clerk

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