

Heritage Farm Commission
Regular Meeting
May 7, 2018

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on May 7, 2018 at the Notch Road Municipal Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Arlene Fiano, Rhea Klein, Beth Harney, Ann Maulucci and alternate Raymond Marrion. John Butrymovich, building and grounds supervisor and Kathy Aspinall were not present. Members of the public in attendance were Michael Sonntag and Mrs. Sonntag, Debbie Livingston, Ruth Hoffman and Mike Harney.

1. Call to order

Arlene called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Raymond Marrion was appointed for Kathy Aspinall

2. Approval of minutes of April 2, 2108

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)

Debbie Livingston addressed the commission. She would like to add a trail loop onto the Bolton cross country series course. She and a group of volunteers would be willingly to install the trail. Arlene suggested prior to the June Commission meeting, which will be held at Bolton Heritage Farm, members walk the proposed trail then share feedback. Debbie is also concerned about two areas on the existing trail system where people are creating cow paths and causing erosion. Debbie is offering her services for trail maintenance to address these issues. Arlene informed Debbie she would need to go before the Board of Selectman and get their approval before she can proceed.

4. Correspondence

Raymond Marrion stated the Rochambeau sign is complete. It has been refurbished; they are now working on removing the rust from the existing pole so that it can be repainted. The sign now has all new stainless steel hardware.

Arlene informed the Commission that the Bolton Congregational Church has invited the Commission to participate in the festival of trees again this year. The dates are Nov 30th-Dec2nd.

5. Unfinished Business

A. Farm Maintenance, Repair Projects, Porch Update

Arlene shared information on the 3rd quote for painting the house. The quote came in under \$5,000. John told Arlene he would get in touch with the painter later in the week. Arlene stated the quote does not include painting the porch.

B. Update on Fund Raising

Nothing at this time

C. Student/School Participation/Education Programs

Rhea stated she called CCSU and spoke with Leah Glaser who is a professor in the history department. She would like to collaborate with Leah Glaser, the CCSU students and the BHF on future Public History Projects. Rhea is going to be in contact with the Bolton Board of Education to research ways to incorporate the BHF into the school's curriculum.

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

Family day will be held on May 28th after the parade. Arlene will put up a tent; she will also contact Sandy to get the mugs, cards and books to sell at the event. Arlene stated she will send out an email once more information becomes available.

G. 2020 Town Celebration

Arlene, Ann and Bonnie attended the last 100th meeting. Future organizational meetings are planned, no dates have been decided as of yet. The Committee is trying to create a spread sheet to list what and how groups and Commission's will be participating.

H. 2018 Farmers Market Antique Truck Tractor Parade

The Farmers market will be held on the last Sunday in August. Arlene stated she had spoken with Jim Croypley, he has agreed to work with the Commission again and organize, plan and promote the event.

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

No updates since last meeting

J. Possible Shovel Ready Grant Projects

Nothing at this time

K. Memorial Garden

Nothing at this time

L. Eagle Scout Projects

Michael Sontag and his Eagle Scout advisor Mike Harney addressed the Commission. Michael informed the Commission he has made a few changes to the scope of work in his project. He stated he will still be installing the weather station with internet access. The weather station will be placed along the roof line on the milk shed. Michael informed the Commission he has received approval from the town and he is just waiting on a signature from the district representative for Eagle Scouts. At the time of the meeting Michael informed the Commission he will no longer be installing the naturalized garden along Bolton Center Road.

M. Rouchambeau Signage

Already discussed in item 4

6. New Business

A. Discussion of Future Grants, Repair Opportunities

Nothing at this time

B. Other

Arlene stated the June meeting will be held at the Heritage Farm at 6:00 PM.

7. Adjournment

Beth Harney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rhea seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corrine O'Brien
Board Clerk

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MINUTES AND ANY CORRECTIONS HERETO.