

**Heritage Farm Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**August 5, 2019**

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on August 5, 2019 at the Notch Road Municipal Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Arlene Fiano, Rhea Klein, Cara Wraight, Beth Harney and Ann Maulucci. Building and grounds supervisor John Butrymovich was present. BHS alternate Bonnie Massey was present. Commission alternates Jon Treat and Raymond Marrion were not present. Also present were Genevieve Robb, James Dwire, John Toomey, Susan Depold, Jon Roe of the Bolton Historic Society, BHS student Ben Jacobson, Bolton Land trust members Jim Pentergrast and Judy Lodi, resident Georgia Backwell, first selectman Sandra Pierog.

**1. Call to order**

Arlene called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

The existing officers have agreed to continue their positions until their successors are elected

Arlene moved Item 6G to item 3 on the agenda.

**2. Guest speaker, Nancy Masters**

Nancy Masters from the East Windsor Historical Society came to speak with the Heritage Farm Commission about non-profit/town owned land that she and the East Windsor Historical Society have formed. She discussed different possibilities at the Heritage Farm and different avenues to explore.

**3. W3R Interpretive Signage/ Capstone Project**

Ben Jacobson discussed his High School Senior Capstone project. He will focused on interpretive signage for the farm. Ben stated the signage would explain and show the historical and agricultural significance. He's hoping to have 2 signs installed. One for the W3R the second for the agricultural history. Ben stated he will be doing research about both topics. Rhea Klien is going to be his mentor. Arlene stated that Elizabeth Clarke from the National Park Service contacted her and informed her of a meeting on September 18th 9:30 am at the Webb Dean house in Old Wethersfield. Arlene thought it would be a good idea if Rhea attended the meeting and advise Ben since he will be back at school. Arlene suggested Ben come up with a solid proposal and budget and present to the Board of Selectmen to see if there is any funding available in the 2020 town celebration fund since Bens project will be presented to the public in April of 2020 and could be a part of the 2020 celebration.

**4. Approval of Minutes of July 1, 2019**

Rhea Klein made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Cara Wraight seconded the motion. The minutes passed unanimously. Beth Harney abstained.

**5. Resident's Forum (Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda)**

Nothing at this time

**6. Correspondence**

Arlene stated she received a thank you letter from Joyce Stille for the cards and mugs that the Commission sent her as a retirement gift. She also stated that the BHF commission received an invitation to the Winter Faire which will take place in December. She asked the commission members to think about attending, further discussion will take place at the September meeting.

**7. Unfinished Business**

**A. Farm maintenance and repair projects**

John Butrymovich stated Lenny finished haying. The Town crew has been busy mowing, trimming and cleaning up. John also stated that no parking signs are going up on the street for the cross county races. John also informed the commission that the bid on the roof will be opening August 7<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Update on Fund Raising**

Rhea stated her yoga classes will begin August 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30 at the farm.

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

Already Discussed under Item 3.

**D. Future Use of Farm House**

Nothing to report at this time

**E. 2020 Tri-centennial Celebration**

Arlene stated the next meeting is on August 21st She has no time or place.

**F. Social Media/ Town Website Updates**

Beth stated the link on the Bolton Town page for the Farmer's Market would not open and she is going check into it.

**H. Business Plan**

Arlene stated the business plan was sent to the Board of Selectmen and the BHF Commission would like to be placed on the November 12<sup>th</sup> agenda for discussion and possible approval.

**I. Farmer's Market Antique Truck and Tractor Show**

Beth brought an updated phone list of vendors and truck and tractor owners. She went through and assigned commission members the uncalled numbers to call and verify if they would like to participate in this year's Farmer's market. Posters were passed out to be posted around town. All members were asked to use social media to advertise the event.

**8. New Business****A. Other**

Arlene introduced Georgia Blackwell, who is interested in becoming a member of the Heritage Farm Commission.

**9. Adjournment**

Beth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rhea seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:12P.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.