

Heritage Farm Commission
Regular Meeting
February 11, 2019

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on February 11, 2019 at the Notch Road Municipal Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Arlene Fiano, Beth Harney, Rhea Klein, Ann Maulucci and Cara Wraight. Alternate Bonnie Massey and Raymond Marrison were also in attendance. Building and grounds supervisor John Butrymovich was also present. Commission alternate Jon Treat was not in attendance.

1. Call to order

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

2. Approval of minutes of January 7, 2019

Ann Maulucci made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Cara seconded, the motion was passed unanimously.

3. Resident's Forum (public comment for items NOT on the agenda)

Nothing to report at this time

4. Correspondence

Arlene stated the Commission has received the \$200.00 check for placing in BCC Festival of Trees and the check has been deposited. Arlene also stated she has received the dates from Debbie Livingston for the cross country series this summer. The dates are June 26th, July 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st. Arlene also stated she received an email from Dan Roback. Arlene stated that Mr. Roback is getting married and asked to use the farm for exchanging vows and pictures. The Commission is in agreement that the request can be approved provided there will be no access to the buildings or new structures are to be created for the event. If that changes, more discussion with the town will be necessary.

5. Unfinished Business

A. Farm maintenance and repair projects

John stated they finished clearing the walls last week. He also shared with the Commission that large pine branches near the house fell and took out the electric and security alarm which had to be reconnected.

B. Update on Fund Raising

Beth stated the "Pennies for Preservation" account held at United Bank has \$3,354.69 and the Heritage Farm Fund (HFF) account has \$47,259.03.

C. Student/School Participation/Education Programs

Nothing at this time

D. Future Use of Farm House

Replacement of the farm house roof was discussed as the next critical item to be addressed. John has obtained a quote for the work and funding sources are being explored by the Commission before proposal is presented to the town.

E. BCC Christmas Tree Event

Already discussed under correspondence

F. 2020 Tri-centennial Celebration

Arlene stated there is another meeting on February 20th.

G. Social Media/ Town Website Updates

Nothing at this time

H. W3R Interpretive Signage

Nothing at this time

I. Business Plan

Beth introduced a business plan for the future use of the farm that includes a description of the farm, its history and current status of the farm. The Commission then discussed their ultimate goals for the buildings and grounds, and strategies and tactics to accomplish this. Beth will document these additions to the plan for review at the next meeting. In order to make the barn more accessible to the public, certain critical improvements will be needed which will probably require an architect's direction. The Commission agreed to contact the building inspector for the Town of Bolton to set up a meeting to discuss these issues.

6. New Business

A. Other

Rhea stated she has a meeting with a few Bolton teachers on Feb 26th to discuss incorporating the Heritage Farm into curriculum.

7. Adjournment

Beth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Cara seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corrine O'Brien
Board Clerk

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