

Heritage Farm Commission Meeting

Regular Meeting

Monday, October 5, 2020

Via Zoom

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020 via Zoom. The Zoom credentials were provided by Bolton Town Manager Joshua Kelly. Members in attendance were Chairman Arlene Fiano, Rhea Klein, Cara Wraight, Ann Maulucci and alternate Bonnie Massey. Building and Grounds Supervisor, John Bytrumovich, members Beth Harney and Raymond Marrion were not in attendance.

1. Call to Order:
Arlene called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.
2. Approval of Minutes July 6, 2020
The minutes were read with no formal corrections. Rhea made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ann seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
3. Resident's Forum
Nothing at this time.
4. Correspondence
 - A. Arlene informed the Commission that we received a donation in the amount of \$100 from Debbie Livingston. The donation was made as a Thank You for the running series hosted by Debbie over the summer months.
 - B. Arlene received a request for a wedding ceremony to be held at the farm in October 2020. The requesting party confirmed they and their guests will be following COVID-19 restrictions set by the town.
 - C. Steve Gardner will be hosting a private event on the farm next weekend. Steve does have insurance.
Conversation surrounding a waiver and/or contract for use of the farm property which would mandate insurance procurement ensued amongst the Commission. All agreed that going forward we should have a standardized contract that can be sent to any party requesting to use the property.
5. Unfinished Business
 - A. NPS/Interpretive Signage - There are no updates at this time.
 - B. Farm Maintenance and Repair - John Butrymovich is on vacation and was not present at this meeting to provide an update.
 - C. Update on Fund Raising - The Yoga Series hosted by Commission member and experienced Yogi Rhea Klein was held on four Mondays during the month of August at the farm. This years donations amounted to \$416.00. This is more than

double the \$195.00 raised last summer.

We are also contemplating a Woodworking fundraiser using the wood from the ancient hickory tree that fell down on the farm during the storm. The participants would take a piece of the wood and create something to give to the Commission. Once turned in to us they may take another piece for good keeping. The details are still being sorted out.

No seasonal fundraisers will go forward this year due to the pandemic.

There is not an update on bank balances since Commission member Beth Harney is on vacation this week.

We are currently waiting on the planning and surveying grant to be submitted. It has been completed and delivered to Mary Donahue, State Historic Preservation Officer, she will put it on their November 4, 2020 agenda.

D. Student/School Participation - There are no updates. The Bolton schools are in transition between in-school and at-home learning with COVID-19. Rhea expressed interest in assisting with another Capstone or Eagle Scout project in the future.

E. Future Use of Farm House - There are no updates.

F. 2020 Tricentennial Celebration - Re-enactment has been rescheduled to the first weekend in November 2021.

We will be exploring ways to get the Heritage Farm on "Walk-tober" for 2021. The website is: thelastgreenvalley.org.

G. Social Media / Town Website Updates - We discussed using a hashtag to link photos of the farm to social media users. We will raise awareness of the hashtag by using it on social media, posting it to the farm's website and perhaps placing it on the events waiver to help capture different private events happening there.

H. Eagle Scout Project - The project inclusive of a garden and plaque has been completed by Eddie Steele.

I. Survey and Planning Grant - There were no comments or questions at this time because they have not gotten back to us.

6. New Business

Nothing at this time.

7. Adjournment

Rhea made a Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 7:52 P.M. The motion was seconded by Ann Maulucci.