

Heritage Farm Commission
Regular Meeting
March 2, 2020

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on March 2, 2020 at the Notch Road Municipal Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Arlene Fiano, Rhea Klein, Beth Harney, Cara Wraight and Ann Maulucci. Building and grounds supervisor John Butrymovich was also present. Bolton resident Ben Jacobson was in attendance. Commission member Raymond Marrion and alternate Jon Treat were not in attendance. Bonnie Massey, historic commission alternate, was also absent.

1. Call to order

Arlene called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Typo on the agenda's date-should read March 2nd not March 9th.

2. Approval of Minutes of: February 3, 2020

Under section 5A 3rd sentence the word dead line should be one word.

Under section 5F 3rd sentence down add the word "to" after going.

Rhea made a motion to accept the February 3, 2020 minutes with corrections. Cara Wraight seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, Beth Harney abstained.

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

Nothing at this time.

4. Correspondence

Arlene asked the Commission about attending the Community Resource Fair at the Bolton Center School on March 13th from 6-8PM. Beth agreed to fill out the registration and send it in. Beth, Cara and Arlene will be attending.

5. Unfinished Business

A. W3R Interpretive Signage/Capstone Project

The grant will most likely be accepted but will not be received until late spring early summer. Ben stated he met with his teachers and was told it's OK that the signage will not be completed before the capstone project due date. His research and preliminary work on the project will qualify for his Capstone requirements.

B. Farm maintenance and repair projects

John Butrymovich stated they cleaned up a few downed trees. John also stated they signed the purchase order with True Green for two different treatments of invasive to the walls at the farm. They will not be using Round Up. The new product is called Cheeta Pro.

C. Update on Fund Raising

Beth shared with the Commission the balances in the fund raising account and the Heritage Farm Fund which is held by the town.

The fund raiser account has \$3,615.67

Heritage Farm Fund has \$39,432.24

Also Rhea mentioned her yoga class will be held on March 22nd 1:30 at Samadhi Yoga Studio, 283 E Center Street, Manchester, CT 06040. The yoga class is a fundraiser for the Heritage Farm and the recommended donation is \$10.00.

D. Student/School Participation/Education Programs Nothing at this time.

E. Future Use of Farm House Nothing at this time.

F. 2020 Tri-Centennial Celebration

Arlene stated the next 300th meeting will be March 18th, 7:00PM at the Town Hall.

Arlene also mentioned the reenactors would like to have an 18th century dance on October 3rd. Beth will be the liaison with the re-enactors. She will contact Chandler Hall and see if the space is available. More information to come at the next meeting.

G. Social Media/ Town Website Updates Nothing at this time.

H. Business Plan

Arlene stated the business plan was accepted by the Board of Selectmen.

I. Survey and Planning Grant

Rhea stated she has been working on the survey grant. Rhea also stated that key stakeholders for the farm, Josh Kelley and Sarah Nelson have a meeting March 3rd at town hall 1:30 to discuss moving the grant forward.

J. Other

Farmers Market 2020 Beth brought a list of contacts for the farmer's market. She stated she is going to start making the flyer and reaching out to vendors in Bolton.

6. New Business

A. Other

Nothing at this time

7. Adjournment

Rhea made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Beth seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 P.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.