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Heritage Farm Commission
Regular Meeting
September 13, 2021

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on September 13, 2021 at 6:00PM at the Bolton Heritage farm. Members in attendance were vice chair Beth Harney, Rhea Klein, Cara Wraight and Ann Maulucci. Building and grounds supervisor John Butrymovich was also in attendance. Bolton Historic Commission alternate Bonnie Massey was in attendance. Arlene Fiano was also not in attendance.

1. Call to order

Beth called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

2. Approval of the minutes of: July 19th, 2021 Special Meeting and August 11th, 2021 Regular Meeting

Corrections:

August 11th 2021 minutes, under section 6 the adjournment should be 3:00pm.

Rhea made a motion to accept the July 19th as written, Cara Wraight seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Beth made a motion to accept the August 11th minutes with the above correction. The motion was seconded by Rhea. Cara abstained. The motion passes unanimously.

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

Nothing at this time.

4. Correspondence

Nothing at this time

5. Unfinished Business

A. Farm Maintenance Report

John Butrymovich stated they have been working on clearing the walls. John also stated that during the last storm an oak tree down by the benches came down. He said they will process and cut up.

B. Monday Night Yoga Report

Rhea shared that yoga was a success and out of five sessions 2 were rained out. She estimated that the Monday night yoga made approximately \$360.00. Beth shared the balance of both accounts, in the People's savings there was \$4033.44 and the Heritage Farm Fund with the town had \$10,913.96 in it.

C. Survey and Planning Grant Update

Beth reported that Sara and Arlene had spoken that day and that design work was progressing. Sara recommended that all commission members relay the Master Plan strategy to their affiliate groups so that when the time comes to gather support for the town to commit funds to the improvements, we will need to make to bring the farm to expanded public usage, townspeople are informed. For instance, if we decide to undertake putting a fire alarm and/ or suppressant system in the barn/ house, having the Fire Dept. on board would be helpful. Beth also acknowledged that we have not visited the colleague sites identified by Beth and Cara, and that project needs to begin, as it will inform

the Master Plan. She asked if the Commission members would be interested in visiting some other farms/properties for ideas.

D. Wilderness Graphics Interpretive Signage

Beth stated that the signs are in the final process and should be completed by the next meeting. Rhea also shared her and Gary Silver, the town IT officer have created the QR codes to be placed on the signs, and information can be uploaded on a later date. Rhea suggested setting up a meeting with the Commission members and the historic society for ideas and suggestions of what should be behind the QR codes.

E. Sleigh Bells Ring Church Fair

Beth stated she hopes the event will still happen, the commission will have to wait until the date gets closer and see how Connecticut's numbers are doing with Covid. Beth stated the event will be held on November 20th, and that our application for a booth was accepted. We will focus on boxwood trees and natural swags to be made in the weeks before the fair

F. Farm to Picnic

Nothing at this time.

G. Eagle Scout Project Update

Nothing at this time.

H. 2022 Re-enactment

Beth shared that Arlene has been in contact with Steve and they event is still a go and going to proceed.

7. New Business

A. Other

1. Arlene and Rhea completed the training to set up a hybrid meeting using the OWL available at Town Hall. This can be used when some members are available to meet in person, but others want to dial in remotely.
2. Arlene also indicated that we might want to use some of the hickory and oak that has been removed after falling at the farm to create cutting boards. She has a contact at Country Carpenters who cut some cherry wood for her to use in this manner and they turned out well. She will continue to investigate.

8. Adjournment

Rhea made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36pm, the motion was seconded by Cara. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corrine O'Brien
Board Clerk

PLEASE SEE THE MINUTES OF SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THESE MINUTES AND ANY CORRECTIONS HERETO.