

Heritage Farm Commission
Regular Meeting
February 7, 2022

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on February 7, 2022 at 7:00PM at Town Hall located at 222 Bolton Center Road. Members in attendance were Chairman Arlene Fiano, Rhea Klein, Cara Wraight, Leslie Shea and Ann Maulucci. Commission alternate Paula Lynn joined the meeting via zoom. Building and grounds supervisor John Butrymovich was also in attendance. Bolton Historic Commission alternate Bonnie Massey was also present. Beth Harney was absent.

1. Call to order

Arlene called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

2. Approval of the minutes of: January 3, 2022 Regular Meeting

Rhea made a motion to accept the January 2, 2022 minutes as written; Ann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Nothing at this time.

4. Correspondence

Arlene reported the Winter Fest will be taking place on February 26, 2022 1-4pm at the Heritage Farm. The event is being sponsored by the Bolton Land Trust. Karen Cordero is planning the event, there will be skiing, snow shoeing, sledding, snowmen contest and much more. The weather make-up date is February 27th.

Arlene also reported that the Bolton Land Trust would like to hold a poetry night on April 24, 2022 from 4-5pm.

5. Unfinished Business

A. Farm Maintenance Report

John Butrymovich reported they have been plowing a lot. He also reported they reached out to a company in Danielson CT to repair parts of the wind damage on the silo.

B. Update on Fund Raising

Arlene reported that the Rosie account has \$5,224.97 and the Heritage Account has \$11,426.54

C. Eagle Scout Project Update

Nothing at this time.

D. Survey and Planning Grant/Sara Nelson

Arlene reported that commission members did research on venues that were identified as similar to the Heritage Farm. Leslie reported about the Webb House Barn in Wethersfield, CT. She stated the barn accommodates up to 135 people for a sit-down lunch or dinner and contains up to date lightning, mechanical system, restrooms and a catering kitchen. The building serves as space for education classes, lectures, meetings and other special events. It is also available for weddings, reunions and corporate gatherings. Cara was going to report on Bush Meadow Farm in Union, CT but the director is having health issues and Cara is going to call back at a later date. Paula reported about Parmelee Farm in

Killingworth, CT. Beth Harney and Paula had a phone conversation on February 1st with Tim Ganon. The farm consists of 132 acres where the barn was transformed into an open pavilion where weddings and events take place. They used many Volunteer hours, STEAP grants, capital funds and donations to help renovate the property. Rhea reported next about the Powder Mill Barn in Enfield CT, she reported there is a lot of information on the website but could not get in contact with anyone. Bonnie reported on Zagray Farm in Colchester, CT. The farm is a museum of working farm equipment. They have a dairy barn, machine shop, foundry, antique sawmill and various sheds on the property. Ann Maulucci reported on the Dudley Farm in Guilford, CT. She spoke with Beth Payne the director of the museum. The barn is available to rent for weddings, rehearsal dinners, birthday parties, etc. Arlene suggested the Commission set up a workshop and put together a spreadsheet with all the information about the properties that were visited and pass the info along to Sara Nelson so she can work everything into her presentation.

E. NPS/WR3 Update

Locations for the signs are still waiting on DOT approval. Bolton is camp 5 on the route.

F. Interpretive Signage Wilderness Graphics

The signs are in and were presented to everyone at the meeting. There is an error on one of the three signs. Arlene reported they are getting a quote to get the corrections and sign reprinted.

G. Re-Enactment 2022

Arlene reported she has been in contact with Steve Gardner and everything is in the planning stages.

6. New Business

A. Other

Arlene asked the Commission about the March meeting because she and Beth will be out of town. The Commission is going to cancel the March meeting.

7. Adjournment

Rhea made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm, the motion was seconded by Cara. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corrine O'Brien
Board Clerk

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