Heritage Farm Commission

Regular Meeting March 6, 2023

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on March 6, 2023 at 7:00pm at Bolton Town Hall, 222 Bolton Center Road. Members in attendance were Chairman Arlene Fiano, Rhea Klein, Cara Wraight, and Ann Maulucci. Building and grounds supervisor John Butrymovich was also in attendance. Alternate Paula Lynn was also in attendance. Members absent were Beth Harney, Leslie Shea and Historic Society alternate Bonnie Massey.

Call to order

Arlene called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Arlene indicated to the Commission that alternate Paula Lynn would be sitting in for Beth Harney.

1. Approval of the February 6, 2023 Regular Meeting

Corrections: under item 3 should read cross country

Under 4H the sentence should read- Arlene stated that Christine Pittsley may need to postpone this year's event due to lack of participation

Rhea made a motion to accept the minutes with the above corrections. Paula seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Resident's Forum (Public Comments for Items NOT on the Agenda)

Nothing at this time.

3. Correspondence

Arlene sent the Commission an article she received from Jesse Leavenworth called *Digging into History*.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Farm Maintenance Report

John stated that the bricks and wood have been cleaned up. He also stated his crew has been doing a little plowing.

B. Update on BHF Accounts

Arlene stated the balance in the Heritage Farm Fund was \$8027.17 and the balance In the Rosie fund is \$5870.00.

C. CE11 Wood Barn Design UCONN Capstone Project

Nothing to report

D. Sara Nelson Report Update

The Nelson Edwaeds Report has been finalized and will be removed from the agenda

E. NPS Way Finding Signage Update

Arlene meet with Lance Dimock. They decided where the NPS Way Finding signs should be placed. Arlene then meet with Pam Sawyer for approval of the placement of the signage. Pam will contact the DOT for approval along state roads.

F. LOTCIP Grant Update

Nothing at this time.

G. October 7&8 2023 Living History Weekend

Arlene introduced Kevin Drake to the Committee. He shared with the commission that he will be doing the publicity for the Living History weekend. Arlene stated she would like Kevin to be creative in his

publication and advertisement suggesting but not limited to social media sources, the Community Voice channel (CVC) and signage. Arlene stated that the town will be providing porta-potties, portable water, hay and other needs. Rhea will be handling student participation and recruting volunteers. Paula and Cara will be handling parking and shuttles. Ann and Bonnie will be handing out coffee and breakfast with the Womens fire auxilliary. An intial hybrid planning meeting is set for March 13th.

H. Digging into History

Arlene shared with the Commission that the event is back on. Rhea stated she will be sending the high school further information about participation opportunities. They are looking for 10th and 11th graders who would like to be part of this exciting educational event.

I. Portable water/Well Project (HCFG Grant)

John shared with Commission that he has received two out of the three quotes. He is still waiting on Homestead Comfort for the third required proposal before he can proceed.

J. Next Grant Applications

Rhea stated she is looking at different funding sources to match the phases outlined in the Master Site Plan. She stated she may need some help from the commission.

K. Bench Update

Nothing to report.

5. New Business

A. Other

Nothing at this time.

6. Adjournment

Paula made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm, 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.