

**Heritage Farm Commission
Regular Meeting
May 6, 2024**

2:30 PM

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on April 1, 2024 at 2:30 pm at the Bolton Heritage Farm, 266 Bolton Center Road.

Members in attendance were Chairman Arlene Fiano, Rhea Klein, Beth Harney, alternate Paula Lynn and Ann Maulucci. Building and grounds supervisor. John Butrymovich also attended.

Absent: CaraWraight, Historic society alternate Bonnie Massey, Leslie Shea for meeting she arrived at 3:00 for the weeding activity.

Call to order Arlene called the meeting to order at 2:36 P.M. Paula Lynn was seated for Cara Wraight who was not in attendance.

After the meeting Adjourned at 3:15, the members weeded and cleaned the garden.

1. **Approval of the regular meeting minutes** of April 1 2024. Ann Maulucci made a motion to accept the March 4 minutes as written. Paula Lynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Residents Forum

NA

3. Correspondence

a. Lucas Carini expressed an interest in grazing sheep in the fields where there is no haying. There was significant discussion regarding the pros and cons of the action. In the end the Board of Selectment would have to approve the request. While the commission was perceived the use of the land for grazing sheep, there were many concerns including liability issues. Furthermore, there were many question such as the location for grazing, protection of the hay fields, containment of the sheep and the interaction between the animals with people and other animals. Therefore, the commission members decided to explore the existing questions and consult with the town administrator.

b. Jim Bahre, described the need for overflow parking for the Bolton Congregational Church Yankee-Street Fair on June 22, 2024.

Arlene F. stated that approximately 15 cars could be comfortable accommodated at the farm. Also, she explained that the town has placed no parking signs on the south side of Bolton Center Road so that the north side is safely available to additional parking. Jim B. has also spoken with John B and Jim Rupert.

The commission members discussed the possibility of purchasing a table for \$45.00.

4. Unfinished Business

a. Maintenance Report

The manure pit fence was completed and mowing and landscaping have been continuing. The tree on the west side of the house has been cut down.

b. BHF Accounts Report

There haven't been any new deposits.

c. Update on the climate controlled display case/ Digging for History artifacts

The grant deadline wasn't met, so the intention is to complete the application for the next cycle which is the first Friday of August 2024

e. Manure Pit Remediation Update

Due to the significant differences in the amount of fill for each of the proposals, Jim R. did not authorize selection of a proposal. This will be reviewed. A scope of work will be determined and the three bidders can rebid based on new guidelines.

f. House Carrying Beam Replacement

Country Carpenters were the low bid. John B will get the PO out to them this week. The Bolton Historic Society has agreed to pay the remaining balance.

g. Pole Barn

Until the manure pit is filled and the area established no further action will be taken.

h. Outstanding projects

1. LOTCIP Pathway designs are on Joe Dillions desk concept designs should be ready soon.
2. NPS Wayfinding signs The Road crew has been extremely busy nothing has been followed through on at this time

6. New Business

Bolton Historic Society is planning Bolton Heritage Day September 28th.

7. Adjournment

meeting was adjourned at 3:19 Motion made by Rhea K seconded by Ann M

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhea Klein – Bolton Heritage Farm Commission Member

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