

Heritage Farm Commission
Regular Meeting
April 1, 2024

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on April 1, 2024 at 7:00pm at the town Municipal Building, 106 Notch Road. Members in attendance were Chairman Arlene Fiano, Rhea Klein, Leslie Shea, alternate Paula Lynn and Ann Maulucci. Building and grounds supervisor John Butrymovich also attended. Historic society alternate Bonnie Massey attended. Absent Cara Wraight and Beth Harney.

Call to order

Arlene called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. Paula Lynn was seated for Cara Wraight who was not in attendance.

1. Approval of the regular meeting of March 4, 2024

Leslie Shea made a motion to accept the March 4th minutes as written. Paula Lynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Resident's Forum

Nothing at this time.

3. Correspondence

Arlene stated she received an email from Barbara Amodio who volunteers for Bike Walk Bolton, which is an organization, made up of area residents whose mission is to advocate for the expansion of safe and accessible means of moving about the community for pedestrians, cyclists and the mobility challenged. In the email, Barbara expressed her concerns over individuals not picking up their dog's excrement or leaving behind their waste in the doggie bags. Barbara and the organization have purchased signs that are going to be placed along the Rose Farm trail as a friendly reminder about being a more responsible dog owner and picking up after their animals.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Farm Maintenance Report

John stated they have started spring cleanup. They have replaced the siding between the milking barn and silo. They covered the exhaust fan and moved the remaining blocks. They have regraded the upper portion of the parking area as well as raking the grass. Asplundh will remove the beech limb that overhangs the house roof when they are in the area. There will be no spraying of poison ivy or invasive's along the stonewalls this year due to lack of funding. The Farm commission will hold their May 6th meeting at the Farm and incorporate a work party to paint the new siding, the blue door a matching red, the west side of the milking shed where paint has peeled as well as clean out the Boy scout garden along Bolton Center Road.

B. Update on BHF Accounts

Accounts are the same at the prior month. The Rosie fund has \$6,769.43 and the Heritage Farm Fund has 8,633.53.

C. Update on the Climate Controlled Display Case/Digging for History Artifacts

. Rhea will contact Sara Sportman. She plans to submit the grant application by May 1st.

D. Manure Pit Remediation Update

Arlene stated they have received all three quotes Landie Construction, Ansaldi, Bogner Construction. Bogner Construction came in with the lowest quote. Arlene also stated there are no funds available at this

time. The Commission is going to look into available funding sources through Community Improvement Grants and or combinations of fund raising and existing account funds.

E. House Carrying Beam Replacement

John stated he is still waiting on the third quote. The Bolton Historic Society is willing to match half of the project cost to replace the support beam. Monies are available for this project.

F. Pole Barn Information/Grant Search

Arlene stated herself and the Commission need to look into Community Improvement grants.

G. Outstanding Projects

1. LOTCIP Follow Up

Arlene stated there was no further design info from the town engineer and no dates for public meeting information at this time.

2. NPS Wayfinding Signage

Sean Bailey and town staff are working on it.

5. Country Carpenter House Proposal/ Request by BHF for Bolton Historic Society to Lead House Repairs.

Arlene stated that Roger Barrett from Country Carpenters has been working on siding and window quotes. Rebuilding the windows will not meet the standards so the windows of the house should be replaced. Arlene asked the commission to consider the Historic Society, as a 501(C) (3), to take over the fundraising and grant research for the House. The commission unanimously agreed due to the lack of funding available through the town at this time. The historic Society will continue to work cooperatively with the Town and the BHF Commission

6. New Business

a. Other

Leslie Shea has asked Jim Rupert to please reinforce the fence along the manure pit for safety reasons. John B has agreed to install a more protective fencing. She has also requested that unsightly existing metal poles be cut even with the ground.

7. Adjournment

Rhea made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm; Paula seconded the motion. 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.