

Heritage Farm Commission
Regular Meeting
October 2, 2017

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on October 2, 2017 at the Notch Road Municipal Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Sandra Pierog, Arlene Fiano, Kathy Aspinall, Ann Maulucci and Beth Harney. Building and grounds supervisor John Butrymovich was not present. Alternate Bonnie Massey was also present and Bolton residents Richard Treat and Ruth Hoffman were present.

1. Call to order

Sandra called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M.

2. Approval of minutes of September 11, 2017

September 11, 2017 minutes have the following corrections: Under section 3D, the second sentence should read Cropley's Garden Center and Arlene.

Arlene Fiano made a motion to approve the August 7, 2017 minutes with the above corrections; Ann Maulucci seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. Unfinished Business

A. Farm maintenance and repair projects

Sandra informed the Commission that John is on vacation. Sandra stated that mowing WHIP grant areas has begun. Sandra also stated the barn has a new main electrical panel which will allow for the necessary power to run the smoke detectors. There are now 3 porcelain lights with exposed bulbs attached to the rafters.

B. Update on barn repairs, including potential alarm upgrades, foundation, electrical

Sandra stated they are still waiting on an agreement with the fire marshal. Sandra is hopeful an agreement will be made soon.

C. Heritage Weekend 2017

Sandra stated they had decent amount of people stop by the farm and take a tour. Sandra stated they made \$77.00 from the tag sale and a check for \$52.00 from pennies on porches. Sandra informed the Commission that Bob and Dorothy DePietro gave \$100.00 donation to the farm.

D. Update on Fund Raising

Nothing at this time

E. Discussion of Location of and Type of Memorial Recognitions

Nothing at this time

F. Student/School Participation

Nothing at this time

G. Policy for Use of the Farm by Organized Groups

Nothing at this time

H. Future Use of Farm House

Nothing at this time

I. Other

Nothing at this time

4. New Business

A. Sequoia Tree Donation

Sandra stated that Helen Winkler reached out to her about a tree that is near her house and she is willingly to donate the tree to the farm. Arlene stated the tree is actually a Dawn Red Wood. Sandra stated the tree has been raised since a seedling and is about 6 feet tall. Sandra stated the Commission would have to remove the tree. Arlene stated the Spring is a good time to move the tree but she is going to do some research about the root system and find out the best time to transplant this kind of tree. Richard Treat stated he will wait to hear back from Arlene about the root system and then he and his brother will go over to Helen's and take a look at the tree to see how big the tree actually is and how much work will be needed to remove the tree. Sandra stated she had spoken to Gwen about the tree and Gwen's concern was this kind of tree is not native to Connecticut and may be a concern. Sandra is going talk to Helen and others to see what the best option will be and report back at the next Commission meeting.

B. Farm History Presentation Development

Sandra stated the presentation went well and was well attended. Sandra stated she has received 3 calls since the presentation inquiring about her doing an historical presentation of the farm. Kathy stated she will ask her mother about copying some old photos she may have. Sandra stated Richard, Gwen and herself will be doing a presentation for the seniors in January or February. Arlene suggested recording the slide show and having the CVC run the presentation on TV.

C. Get to Know your Volunteer Organizations

Sandra stated that Ellington has a farmers market where all the volunteers and organizations come and meet so the town residents get to know each other. Sandra thought this would be a great addition to the Bolton Farmers Market for next year.

D. Discussion of Future Grants, Repair Opportunities

Sandra stated to all the Commission members that if they have time to search the internet for historical painting grant opportunities for the house. Sandra stated a lot of paint has fallen off this year. Arlene suggested asking painters in town to volunteer and paint the house.

E. Other

Bolton resident Richard Treat informed the Commission that the Bolton Congregational Church is having a festival of trees this year. Kathy also asked the Commission about the Winter Faire, Sandra told her to mark the Commission down for 2 tables at the Winter Faire.

5. Adjournment

Arlene Fiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Beth Aspinall seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corrine O'Brien
Board Clerk

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

