

Heritage Farm Commission
Informal Meeting
January 6, 2020

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held an informal meeting on January 6, 2020 at the Notch Road Municipal Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Arlene Fiano, members Beth Harney, Cara Wraight, Ann Mallucci and Alternates Bonnie Massey, and Raymond Marrion. Town Facilities Director John Butrymovich was also present. Absent were members Rhea Klein and Jon Treat.

1. Call to order

The meeting started at approximately 7:00 PM.

2. Local Fundraising

Arlene announced that our tree won first place tabletop and third place non-profit at the Festival of Trees, as such we were awarded with \$500.

Profits from Sleigh Bells Ring Fair and the Winter Faire were in the range of \$600 - \$700.

Beth provided an update on the total in our two bank accounts as follows:

\$58,781.26 in the Heritage Farm Fund

\$3,615.37 in the United/Peoples/Rosie Fund

3. W3R Interpretive Signage/Capstone Project

The National Park Service (NPS) requires the towns participation in the grant for interpretive signage so Arlene and Rhea have put them in contact with the town administrator Josh Kelly. The NPS grant will be used to fund an event at the Farm which will incorporate the interpretive signage. the hope is it can be finished by the time of the re-enactment in October 2020. We discussed the opportunity to ask for donations during events such as the 2020 re-enactment. Since this re-enactment is part of of the Towns 300h celebration no admission fees are being charged. There are always opportunities for donations to be taken in at this event. The NPS celebrates the W3R/WaRo route in 2025. If the 2020 re-enactment is successful we may want to consider another event at which time an entry fee could be charged. Ben Jacobson has requested a mark-up from the NPS, which should enable him to meet his deadline for the Capstone Project.

4. Business Plan

The Commission reviewed the draft (dated 1/3/2020) of the Bolton Heritage Farm Business Plan in conjunction with Appendix A – Capital Projects and Funding Sources and Appendix B – List of Troop 73 Eagle Service Projects at Bolton Heritage Farm. Beth Harney will make the appropriate changes. John Butrymovich will follow up on a few missing dates and dollar amounts on Appendix A. We will present our business plan to the Board of Selectman during their meeting on January 14, 2020.

All are in agreement of the recommendations italicized and underlined under section 4. Current Financial Position. All are also supportive of the italicized and bolded paragraph under section 5. Ultimate Goals for the Use(s) of the Farm which highlights our guiding principal as we seek to develop the farm and its surroundings.

5. Adjournment

The meeting ended at approximately 8:35 PM.