

Heritage Farm Commission
Regular Meeting
February 3, 2020

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on February 3, 2020 at the Notch Road Municipal Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Arlene Fiano, Rhea Klein, Cara Wraight, Ann Maulucci and alternate Bonnie Massey. Building and grounds supervisor John Butrymovich was also present. Absent were Beth Harney, Raymond Marion and alternate Jon Treat. Bolton resident Ben Jacobson and Jon Roe who is a member of the Bolton Historical Society were also in attendance.

1. Call to order

Arlene called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes of November 4, 2019 regular meeting and January 6, 2020 informal meeting.

November 4th corrections:

Under section 2 should read "Klein"

Under section 5F take out the word "the" before Steve Gardner.

Under Section 5H the last sentence remove the word "then" and replace with "and"

Under section 5K the first sentence change the word "meet" to "a meeting"

January 6th corrections:

The opening section Ann's name should be spelled "Maulucci"

Under section 3, 4th sentence should read "The"

Under section 3 7th sentence should read "300th"

Ann Maulucci made a motion to accept the November 2, 2019 and the January 6, 2020 minutes with corrections. Cara Wraight seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, Rhea Klein abstained.

3. Resident's Forum (Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda)

Jon Roe, a member of the Bolton Historical Society, spoke with the Commission about events he is involved in through the Vernon Civil War Museum. Jon and the commission will be working together to bring a Civil War booth to the 2020 Farmers market. Jon also informed the commission of several events that Vernon and Bolton will be sharing during that 300th anniversary celebration.

4. Correspondence

Kathy McCavanaugh from town hall sent out a reminder about completing the sexual harassment training and submitting the certificate to her office by the end of February.

5. Unfinished Business

A. W3R Interpretive Signage/Capstone Project

Ben Jacobson spoke with the Commission about his Capstone project. Arlene informed Ben that the NPS (National Parks Service) requires the town's participation in the grant for the planned interpretive signage. Since the dead line for the Capstone project will not meet with the NPS time line there was discussion of possibly funding the signage with reimbursements to follow. Arlene stated she has spoken to the Town Administrator Josh Kelley, no reimbursements are possible.

B. Farm maintenance and repair projects

John Butrymovich stated they have finished up WHIP grant mowing. John informed the Commission that True Green is coming out to give a price for spraying the stone wall.

C. Update on Fund Raising

Nothing at this time.

D. Student/School Participation/Education Programs

Nothing at this time.

E. Future Use of Farm House

Nothing at this time.

F. 2020 Tri-Centennial Celebration

Arlene stated she had a meeting with Steve Gardner, Josh Kelly, Jim Ruppert, John Butrymovich and first selectmen Sandra Pierog. Topics of discussion were shuttle/transportation and volunteers. Cara volunteered to help with arranging transportation and Rhea is going help with organizing volunteer hours. Arlene stated she is going be meeting with Steve and the town again on February 19th 3:00 at Bolton Town Hall.

G. Social Media/ Town Website Updates

Nothing at this time.

H. Business Plan

Arlene stated the Commission presented the business plan to the building and grounds commission. The building and grounds commission approved the plan unanimously. They will be presenting the plan to the Board of Selectmen at the February meeting for adoption.

I. Survey and Planning Grant

Nothing at this time.

J. Other

Rhea shared with the Commission that the Samadhi yoga studio in Manchester has generously agreed to a fundraiser. Rhea stated the owner agreed to allow Rhea to use the studio free of charge. She will hold a class with approximately 30 people, with all funds going to the Heritage Farm Fund. Rhea stated the class/fundraiser would be held sometime in March, more info to come.

6. New Business

A. Other

Nothing at this time

7. Adjournment

Rhea made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Cara seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 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.

