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Town Office at Bolton

Heritage Farm Commission
Regular Meeting
August 11, 2021

Alene Fiano, Rhea Klein, Beth Harney, Ann Maulucci, Bonnie Massey.. Building and grounds supervisor John Butrymovich was also in attendance with the Town Manager Jim Ruper (left at 2:40 after the discussion of the panels). Raymond Marrion and Cara Wraight were also not in attendance.

1. Call to order

Arlene called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

2. Interpretive Signage

Wilderness Graphics panels were presented to the commission for review.

First Panel - French American Alliance

Our requirements were taken into consideration by Cindy Abaco from Wilderness Graphics and the panels were described as attention getting with straightforward wording and an accurate depiction of the theme of the panel. Cindy is waiting for authorization for the use of one of the photos, she will keep us informed.

Second Panel - March to Victory

Changes suggested are to focus more on Bolton by replacing the Lebanon encampment with the Camp 5, Bolton Heritage Farm site inserting and enhancing the farm photo with a you are here icon on the map.

Third Panel - With Open Arms

There was lengthy discussion on changes that might be made to this panel because there wasn't sufficient contrast between the photo and the sketch of the soldiers camping. Furthermore, the words "Then called the Rose Farm" needs to be removed, fine print for the dedication needs to be larger, verify the exact numbers of troops and support people that camped each day. Reword the paragraph to better explain that there were 4 encampments with 1,000 plus each time. As it reads there were 4,000 in one visit. In addition, the picture of Rev. Colton is believed to have been drawn by Ralph Earle who lived in Bolton. We would like this Bolton history added under the painting.

There was no QR Code shown on the panels that may be programmed later. The Commission would like to be able to add a website site link and information in the future.

Sarah Nelson will make suggestions regarding sign placement. Utilization of mockups will assist in the decision for placement of panels.

3. Approval of the Minutes of:

June 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Rhea Klein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ann Maulucci seconded the motion. Beth and Bonnie abstained. The motion passed.

June 19, 2021 Special Meeting Approval of the Special Meeting will take place at the September

meeting.

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

Nothing at this time.

5. Correspondence

1. Joey Griffin emailed that he will be at the farm Thursday or Friday to begin installing the signage.
2. Ray Marion is moving to Massachusetts and will be resigning from the commission. Therefore, we will be looking for another member.
3. Mark Mishriky co-director of the Cross Country Series thanked the commission for the use of the farm and will be making a contribution.

6. Unfinished Business

A. Farm Maintenance -

Because of the Bolton Lake Closure, there has been more time to devote to the many projects on the farm such as repairing windows, cleaning the walls of dead weeds, mowing paths etc.

B. Update on Fund Raising/ Monday Night Yoga

Rhea described the yoga series. The first night was very well attended with 27 participants. Unfortunately, it rained lightly 2 hours prior to the 2nd event, and the grass never dried sufficiently to continue. We discussed the possibility of using a tarp to cover the grass if rain is forecasted in the afternoon to keep the grass dry for an evening class. John will look into the possibility of finding a tarp in town.

C. Survey and Planning Grant/ Sarah Nelson

The commission met with the Survey Planning Grant team at a special meeting on July 19, 2021. Arlene met with Sarah Nelson and Tom at the farm for a site visit and to view the interior of the barn. A followup letter was composed to reflect a mutual understanding of our goals in the immediate future and beyond. Arlene now sees the relevance of researching other farms to learn about their experiences in their commercial endeavors. Therefore, we will start working on site visits to the properties that were identified by Cara and Beth. Also we will use the questions that Sarah provided at the special meeting.

E. NPS/WR3 Update

Nothing at this time.

F. Interpretive Signage Wilderness Graphics

Arlene will share the recommendations from the commission members today with Cindy Abaco.

G. Farmer's Market & Antique Truck and Tractor Show

Arlene stated the Commission will not be holding the Farmers Market anymore.

H. Farm to Picnic

A new idea of possibly partnering with the Fire Department to run an event to support fire suppression at the farm was discussed. Arlene will speak with Bruce Dixon. However, we won't be applying for the grant this year as the deadline is September 1.

G. Other

Saint Maurice winter fare is still going forward at this time. However, there hasn't been guidance at this time. Beth said that vendors must be notified by November 1, 2021. Planning is going as scheduled . We will make boxwood trees that were a big hit last year and are already getting inquiries. Commission members will collect decorations. and Beth has many items that have been donated.

7. New Business

A. Other

Nothing at this time

6. Adjournment

Ann Maulucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rhea Klein seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhea Klein
Bolton Heritage Farm Commission

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