

Heritage Farm Commission
Regular Meeting
September 19, 2023

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on September 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the farm. Members in attendance were chair Arlene Fiano, vice chair Beth Harney, Leslie Shea, Ann Maulucci and Rhea Klein. Cara Wraigh and alternates Paula Lynn and Bonnie Massey, and Building and Grounds supervisor John Butrymovich were not present. Kevin Drake, who is assisting with the Living History event was also present.

1. Call to order and Approval of Minutes -

Arlene called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. The approval of the minutes of August 7, 2023 was postponed until the October meeting.

2. Resident's Forum (Public Comment for items NOT on the Agenda)

None at this time.

3. Correspondence

None at this time.

4. Unfinished Business

a. Farm Maintenance Report/ potable water project update

As John Butrymovich was not present there was not update given.

b. Update on Fundraising

Beth reported the balance in the M&T Bank account is \$5,467. The Heritage Farm Fund has approximately \$8,064. Rhea reported that the summer Yoga series brought in over \$300, which will be used to fund supplies for the fall fundraiser.

c. NPS Wayfinding Signage

Nothing to report.

d. Digging Into History event

We are still owed the \$350 for the church rental from the office of the Connecticut State Library. Beth will reach out to Christine again to confirm it has been submitted.

e. Living History weekend - October 7-8

Signs were distributed at the meeting and will be placed around town. Arlene will attach the larger signs to the sandwich boards and the town will put them up at the town green, Mobil/ Alltown, Cropleys and on the corner of Rt.85 and Lyman Road. Rhea will distribute flyers to local businesses and inform Kevin where she has placed them; Kevin will distribute the rest. Rhea will also begin posting on Everything Bolton. Those present talked more about logistics of the weekend and how the set up will look. More will be reported at the Monday morning meeting on 9/25 at 8:30 AM at town hall.

f. LOTCIP Grant Update

Nothing to report at this time.

5. New Business

A. Arlene reminded the commission that Sarah Sportman, state archaeologist, offered to assist us in finding a grant for a climate controlled case to hold any artifacts that are uncovered on the farm. We will pursue that with her over the coming months.

B. The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving's Bolton Greater Together grant application process is open for 2023, with grant applications due by October 1. This was how we funded the well project for potable water in 2022. With the Living History weekend we do not have the person-power to take this on for this year. If we are not applying for a grant, the final report is due by year end 2023, when [hopefully] the potable water project will be completed and in use.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Harney, vice chair

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