

**Heritage Farm Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, July 8, 2024**

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting at Bolton Heritage Farm on July 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM. Members in attendance were Chairman Arlene Fiano, Cara Wraight, Leslie Shea, Bonnie Massey, Ann Maulucci, and Kevin Drake. Building and grounds supervisor John Butrymovich was also in attendance. Vice Chairman Beth Harney and Commission Member Rhea Klein were not in attendance. Board Clerk Corrine O'Brien was also not in attendance.

**1. Call to order**

Arlene called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

**2. Election of Officers**

Chairman Arlene Fiano made a motion to nominate Cara Wraight as Treasurer. Leslie seconded the motion. All in favor. Leslie made a motion to nominate Arlene Fiano as Chairman. Cara Wraight seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.

**3. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on May 6, 2024**

Arlene made a motion to accept with corrections. Ann seconded. Leslie and Cara abstained.

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

Nothing at this time.

**5. Correspondence**

The Town of Bolton and the Bolton Heritage Farm Commission are considering ideas for the 2026 Celebration of our Nations birth. Arlene and Cara will follow up with Pat Carroll of Le Regiment Bourbonnais to gauge their interest in participating in living history event for this celebration.

**6. Unfinished Business**

**A. Farm maintenance Report**

John Butrymovich informed the Commission that his team has mowed the cross-country trails and that any falling trees have been cleaned up. Leslie painted two sides of the barn over the past month.

**B. BHF accounts report**

Cara informed the Commission that \$15.81 was raised through the Pennies for Preservation Program. This brings the balance of the Rosie Fund up to \$6,785.80.

**C. Update on climate controlled display case/ Digging for History artifacts**

Rhea spoke with Sara Sportman who wrote a published article on the Digging into History event which was a huge success. Rhea is two-thirds done with the grant and is targeting the end of July for formal submission.

**D. House Carring Beam Replacement**

The purchase order has been signed and we are waiting for Country Carpenters to schedule the work.

**E. Grant search**

The Commission will continue searching for grants online and otherwise which will be helpful to our cause.

**F. Summer yoga**

Summer yoga will be hosted once again by Rhea on Monday nights at 6:30 PM at the Farm through the month of August. Donations from the public are encouraged.

## **G. Outstanding Projects**

### **1. LOTCIP follow up Trail Design**

Arlene spoke with town leadership including Gwen Marion, Rodney Fornier and Jim Rupert regarding trail design. They were not aware that the BHF has previously conducted studies on a recommended path for the trail that would showcase the Farm and surrounding views. The Commission agrees that an informational meeting with the public to walk both proposed paths and provide an opportunity for a Q&A would be beneficial. It is important to highlight to the public that this is a State project. Tentative dates for a public meeting are beginning of September or October.

### **2. NPS Wayfinding signage**

The Wayfinding signage project has been held up by the CT DOT who is waiting on feedback from our neighboring town Andover. The CT DOT wishes to coordinate between what Bolton and Andover want. We have not received a response from Johnny Carrawon.

## **7. New Business**

### **A. Manure Pit**

Manure Pit remediation quotes are in. The Town is in agreement to fill it. The Town has asked Arlene and John to be more specific about what was presented.

### **B. Garden Memorial**

Leslie inquired on gardens which led into a conversation on BHF's Memorial Master Plan. The Plan was created to provide parameters around what can be done for memorials. Arlene asked Leslie to review it and propose updates.

## **8. Adjournment**

Arlene made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Leslie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cara Wraight  
Commission Member

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