

Heritage Farm Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, July 7, 2025

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting at Bolton Heritage Farm on July 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM. Members in attendance were Chairman Arlene Fiano, Treasurer Cara Wraight, Rhea Klein, Leslie Shea, Bonnie Massey, Ann Maulucci, Paula Lynn and Kevin Drake. Building and grounds supervisor John Butrymovich was also in attendance.

Call to order

Arlene called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting May 5, 2025

Arlene moved to amend the minutes to specify Kevin Drake attended as a resident, and John Butrymovich as staff. Paula made a motion to accept with corrections. Leslie seconded. Rhea and Cara abstained due to absence.

2025 Election of Officers

Rhea nominated Arlene as Chair and Paula seconded. Arlene nominated Cara as Treasurer and Rhea seconded.

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

Nothing at this time.

3. Correspondence

Nothing at this time.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Farm maintenance Report

John Butrymovich informed the Commission that cross-country trail is pruned up and stone has been added to the wet areas. John's team mows and trims on a weekly.

B. BHF accounts report

No updates at this time.

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

CT Humanity Preservation Grant is on hold as the Commission has agreed to proceed with the Hartford Foundation for Giving Grant. Bolton Memorial Library has asked the Commission for storyboards as part of the display case so the historical artifacts will be self-explanatory.

D. Outstanding Projects

LOCIP follow up Heritage Farm Trail Design

The design is showcased in the Town Hall. Once finalized it will go out to bid.

NPS Wayfinding signage

No update. NPS misplaced our contract and Kathy McCavanagh at the Town Hall kindly has resubmitted it.

5. Summer Yoga with Rhea

No Rhea has volunteered to do another summer yoga series at the Farm this year. The series will take place on five consecutive Mondays at 6:30 PM, starting on July 28th.

6. New Business

Other:

250th Celebration

The Town is putting together a committee for the Country's 250th Birthday Celebration next year. Arlene offered the Bolton Heritage Farm Commission for a re-enactment the second or third weekend in October. Arlene wants to expand on the food experience and have more public present. Cara suggested putting together a schedule for re-enactment weekend for the public.

Sleigh Bells Ring

The Commission has paid our dues and secured a spot upstairs this year consisting of 1.5 spaces. Kevin volunteered artificial arrangements and brought a sample to the meeting. The Commission agreed the floral arrangements would be great in addition to what we usually sell.

7. Adjournment

Cara made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rhea seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 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.