

Heritage Farm Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 3, 2025

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting at Bolton Municipal Building Room A on Monday, November 3, 2025 at 6:00 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 6:06 P.M.

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting September 8, 2025

Paula noted a correction under '7. Sleighbells Ring - Workshops and Collections of Materials,' which should read "Paula will search for a Christmas tree to use for swags." Cara moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Ann seconded. Leslie and Rhea abstained due to absence.

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 his team is busy mowing this time of year.

B. BHF accounts report

No updates at this time.

C. Outstanding Projects

1. LOCIP follow up Heritage Farm Trail Design

Nothing at this time.

2. NPS Wayfinding signage

No update at this time.

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

Our grant was submitted to the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and is pending approval.

5. Memorial Bench for Hope Grunske

John informed us that the bench and plaque have been ordered. The location of the bench will be in the upper field, per her family's request. The Commission agreed with the location. Cara will send a Thank You note to Jim Grunske. The Commission also discussed the variety of benches and which options we would want to offer on a continuing basis at the Farm in order to have consistency when our community is transversing the property.

6. Festival of Trees

The Festival of Trees is December 5 & 6, 2025. Set up will be December 1 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We will take down the tree December 7 or 8.

7. Sleighbells Ring

The Commission will get together for workshops prior to the Faire. The Commission will start collecting materials to determine what else is needed. We will make boxwood trees, swags, wreaths and arrangements this year.

8. 250th Celebration

The Living History weekend will occur the last weekend in September 2026. This reenactment will involve camping, cooking and musket demonstrations. We wish to schedule some of the activities and publicize our agenda to the community.

New Business

Other:

Thank You to Nancy Masters

Cara will send a Thank You note to Nancy for the boxwood which we will use for our trees to sell during the Sleighbells Ring Faire.

7. Adjournment

Paula made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ann seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 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.