

**Heritage Farm Commission
Regular Meeting
May 4, 2026 at 7pm
Municipal Building Room A and Via Zoom
MINUTES**

Members Present In-Person: Chairman Arlene Fiano, Treasurer Cara Wraight, Rhea Klein, Kevin Drake, Leslie Shea, Paula Lynn; Bonnie Massey, Paula Lynn

Members Absent: Ann Maulucci

Staff Present in Person: Building and Grounds Supervisor John Butrymovich

Staff Present Via Zoom: Board Clerk Rebekah Lyon

Others Present in Person: Rudy Guliani

Others Present via Zoom: Jim Loersch

1. **Call To Order:** A. Fiano called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. B. Massey appointed for A. Maulucci.

2. **Rudy Guliani Update on Artifacts display/case: R. Guliani:** The Techno display case previously discussed seems to be the best option. The original quote did not include shipping. Updated quote with shipping costs included provided. Commission directed R. Guliani to end search for alternate display cases.

R. Guliani proposed a single 12x12 panel alongside the case with basic context about the expedition, an artifact legend, and a description of the excavation. In addition, 6 full size 24x12 panels designed to be swapped over time were also proposed:

Proposed Panel Content:

1-2) Interpretation around and relationship to the artifacts. Theme is life in the encampment with a focus on musket ball and kettle artifacts. R. Guliani is still looking for primary sources of people from Bolton to support these panels.

3) Focus on regimental uniforms and profiles. Of the 5 button artifacts, only 3 represent regiments that are documented as having been in Bolton. 3 of the 4 French regiments had very similar uniforms with only minor differences. Discussion around the use of an image including copyright restrictions and AI images.

4) Focus on the German regiment through the lens of the account of an enlisted man.

5) Focus on defaced coin. Coordinate with Sarah Sportman.

6) Overview of excavation in general. Coordinate with Christine Pittsley

R. Guliani will have a draft of the main 12x12 panel and the first 2 24x12 panels for the next meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes: April 6, 2026:

R. Klein MOVED to APPROVE the meeting minutes from April 6, 2026 as written. P. Lynn SECONDED. Motion passed, unanimous.

4. Residents' Forum: No resident comments.

5. Old Business:

- a. **Farm Maintenance Report:** J. Butrymovich reports that spring cleanup, parking lot grading, and mowing were completed at the farm.
- b. **BHF Accounts Report:** C. Wraight reports a current balance of \$8,333.50 in the Rosie Fund and \$11,3032.67 in BHF
- c. **250 Freedom Event Bourbonnaise:** May 8th encampment site meeting with Eric Travail. Will review the logistics of where everyone will be. There may not be a need to dig. Beginning to contact and coordinate with vendors including teas, chocolates, pumpkins and vegetables and pastries. P. Lynn will coordinate food donations. C. Wraight will coordinate transportation. Need to determine which parking lot will be used. Discussion of how the event can be publicized, including limitations on posting on behalf of the town of Bolton.

6. Confirm July date and time: Confirm that commissioners are available for July meeting date.

7. BOS invitation to the June BHF meeting at the Farm: For the June meeting BHF commission will invite BOS to come see the interior of the house and barn.

8. Correspondence

- a. **May 7th Hartford Giving Award:** The event starts at 6:30pm. Introduce R. Guliani and stay around after the event to answer questions.
- b. **May 19th event with Kevin Johnson** – Event at the high school. In costume presentation, playing the role of a servant to the Colonel followed by Q&A.
- c. **Cedric G. update / Eagle Scout:** He is not going to take on the project at the farm.

9. New Business

- a. **a. Yoga series Lindsay's Legacy August Monday nights** – July 20th for Lindsay's Legacy and then Monday nights in August
- b. **b. Other:** A. Fiano would like to purchase the little wagons for the library if funding is available when the case is finished/open.

10. Adjournment: R Klein MOVED to ADJOURN. L. Shea SECONDED. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Rebekah Lyon

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Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for the approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.