

**BOLTON HERITAGE FARM COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2012**

**MINUTES**

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on Monday, October 1, 2012 at the Notch Road Municipal Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Sandra Pierog, Arlene Fiano, Ann Maulucci, Donna Phillips, Beth Harney and alternates Bonnie Massey and Larry Pesce.

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Sandra Pierog called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

**2. Approval of minutes of September 10, 2012**

Arlene Fiano noted that there was a procedural error in last month's minutes, however nothing that would affect the actions taken. A motion was made by Arlene Fiano, seconded by Ann Maulucci to approve the September 10, 2012 minutes as duly noted. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Unfinished Business**

**a. Post event discussion – Heritage Farm Week-end 2012**

Everyone thought the weekend went well. Sandra Pierog reported that Rosie was a hit at the parade and has started to get invited to events such as the upcoming Winter Faire. It was suggested that perhaps the commission could sell something at the fair to help raise funds for the Farm.

Larry Pesce reported that the Farmer's Market went well and requested that there be a farmer's market sign next year.

Members thought it would be a good idea to contact the Economic Development Commission about getting the word out to local businesses about a possible celebration of Bolton businesses event.

Arlene suggested that there be a series of mailings prior to Heritage Farm Week-end, beginning with a 'Save the Date' notice. She also suggested that the commission begin compiling an email list for mailings. Beth Harney noted that postcards are not that expensive to mail out.

Arlene also stated that June is 'Barn Month' and it would be nice to have a display at the library celebrating barn month and maybe put Rosie there for donations. Beth Harney volunteered to look into this.

**b. Farm Maintenance and repair projects**

John Butrymovich was not present to report on this matter however Sandra reported that the front fields have been cut and look good.

**c. CT Barns Grant – Milk shed foundation work**

Sandra reported that Chuck Zeppa will be starting the foundation work at the farm within the month.

Sandra also reported that Todd Levine from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation stated that Bolton is eligible for another barn grant for up to \$5,000. Pre-applications are due in December and the commission will need a commitment from the Board of Selectman, as this is a matching grant. Members discussed what the scope of work would be for this grant. Arlene suggested the rebuilding of the milk shed, after the foundation work is complete, perhaps a post and beam structure. Larry Pesce will speak to Roger Barrett from Country Carpenters about it.

**d. Update on fund raising**

As reported earlier, Rosie raised \$134.00 in donations.

**e. Policy for use of farm by organized groups**

Nothing at this time.

**f. Other**

Nothing at this time.

**4. New Business**

**a. Discussion of future repairs, grant opportunities**

Nothing at this time.

**b. Vibrant Communities Grant**

Sandra reported that she received a letter from Joyce Stille regarding the appointment of a member of the commission to be on the Vibrant Communities Grant Committee. Sandra has volunteered to be the representative for the Bolton Heritage Farm Commission, with Donna Phillips as her back-up.

**c. Friends of the Rose Farm work parties – October 13 and November 3**

Everyone is welcome to participate in the work parties on October 13<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**d. Other**

Beth Harney reported that Katie Treadwell, a senior at Bolton High School, is working on a senior project and would like to focus on raising the profile of the Heritage Farm through assisting with networking, encouraging more student participation and helping with the history of the farm. Her project has to be complete by May 1<sup>st</sup> and she is planning to come and talk to the commission at some point soon.

Sandra reported that another Bolton resident who attends Eastern Connecticut State University is also working on an independent study of the history of the Farm.

**5. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Beth Harney, seconded by Arlene Fiano to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sheridan  
Board Clerk

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OF THESE MINUTES AND ANY CORRECTIONS HERETO.