

BOLTON HERITAGE FARM COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2013

MINUTES

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on Monday, February 4, 2013 at the Notch Road Municipal Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Sandra Pierog, Ann Maulucci, Donna Phillips and Alternate Larry Pesce. Also present were Buildings and Grounds Supervisor John Butrymovich and Bolton resident Bonnie Massey.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Sandra Pierog called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. Sandra requested that alternate Larry Pesce vote as a regular member, in the absence of a quorum.

2. Approval of minutes of January 14, 2013

A motion was made by Donna Phillips, seconded by Ann Maulucci to approve the January 14, 2013 minutes as presented. Motion passed with one abstention by Larry Pesce.

3. Unfinished Business

a. Farm Maintenance and repair projects

John Butrymovich reported that they have patched the roof and replaced some siding on the barn. In addition, the broken light has been fixed.

b. CT Barns Grant 2013

Sandra Pierog stated that there is some extra money from the Barn Grant and members discussed using the money to repair three of the doors in the barn.

She further reported that she, Arlene and John met with Larry Champion, a restoration carpenter, regarding the milk shed. He suggested that they get a demolition crew in to gut the interior and see what the structure looks like. Sandra is preparing a grant to ask for demolition and condition assessment of the milk shed.

c. Update on fund raising

Sandra Pierog received \$72.00 from Town Hall and also sold a package of cards for \$8.00, for a total of \$80.00.

d. Policy for use of farm by organized groups

Nothing at this time.

e. Other

Nothing at this time.

4. New Business

a. Heritage Farm Celebration 2013

Arlene Fiano sent an email with an update on the Heritage Farm Celebration 2013. Some of the things discussed included a walk through Field 12 with Mike Harney. He determined that there is the potential for two eagle projects this year, 1) wild life habitat planting and 2) the possible creation of a boardwalk across the swampy area to reach the high side of Field 12.

The following events are lined up so far: ‘Save the Date’ flyers will go out in a town wide mailing in **March**; **April 27th** is Earth Day and a Linden tree planting will happen that day, as well as a Wildlife Habitat Management presentation by Jane Seymour of DEEP; there will be a bird walk with Ernie Harris on **May 4th**; a display at the library in **June** for Connecticut Barn month; an evening of star gazing with Karen Cordero on **August 21st**; a tractor parade and farmer’s market on **August 25th**; Heritage Farm Weekend will be held on **September 27th, 28th and 29th**; and, finally, **October** will be a fundraising month.

b. WHIP grant planting

John discussed planting in the WHIP grant area of the farm.

c. Discussion of future repairs, grant opportunities

Sandra Pierog received an email from Gwen Marrison announcing Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation grants that are available for certain repairs of barns. She will contact Helen Higgins for further information.

d. Vibrant Communities Grant – update on participation

Sandra reminded members that the Vibrant Communities Initiative Stakeholders Committee will meet again on February 19, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Hall.

e. Other

Nothing at this time.

5. Adjournment

A motion was made by Larry Pesce, seconded by Ann Maulucci to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sheridan
Board Clerk

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