

BOLTON HERITAGE FARM COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 1, 2013

MINUTES

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on Monday, April 1, 2013 at the Notch Road Municipal Center. Members in attendance were Vice Chairman Arlene Fiano, Ann Maulucci, Donna Phillips and Beth Harney. Also present were Buildings and Grounds Supervisor John Butrymovich, Bolton residents Bonnie Massey, Richard Treat and Ray Hardy, and Mike Harney with eagle scouts Evan Schumacher and Jarrett Neddow.

1. Call to Order

In the absence of Chairman Sandra Pierog (arrived at 8:15 PM), Vice Chairman Arlene Fiano called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

2. Approval of minutes of March 4, 2013

A motion was made by Beth Harney, seconded by Donna Phillips to approve the March 4, 2013 minutes with the following change: first paragraph, last sentence, the name 'Jarod Nadeau' should read 'Jarrett Neddow'. Motion passed unanimously.

Arlene requested that the commission move item 4.d. up on the Agenda to accommodate Ray Hardy.

4. New Business

d. Other

Bolton resident Ray Hardy spoke about the deer population in Bolton and asked for a letter of support from the Bolton Heritage Farm Commission requesting that the Board of Selectmen consider installing two Deer Crossing signs on Bolton Center Road between Steele's Crossing and Hebron Road. All members agreed that this would be a good thing to do. After Sandra Pierog arrived and was brought up to date on this issue, she agreed to provide Mr. Hardy with a letter of support from the commission.

3. Unfinished Business

a. Eagle scout projects

Jarrett Neddow submitted his plan for planting in Field 12 of the Farm. This plan included a planting procedure and ideas for watering, protection and types of plants to be planted. After a question and answer period, Arlene thanked Jarrett for coming and wished him luck on his final presentation before the townspeople on April 27th.

Evan Schumacher presented a PowerPoint presentation which showed three possible locations for the proposed marsh crossing. He also submitted a drawing of the proposed boardwalk. Commission members had many questions and after a brief discussion, Arlene asked for a vote from members to determine whether this project should go forward as planned. All four members present voted yes to this project with some minor changes. Members thanked Evan for his presentation and wished him luck on his project.

b. Farm Maintenance and repair projects

John Butrymovich reported that he has finished with three doors in the milk shed and regraded the parking lot. Sandra requested that he bring photos of the doors to the next meeting.

c. CT Barns Grant 2013

Nothing at this time.

d. Update on fund raising

No updates at this time.

e. Heritage Farm Celebration 2013

Arlene Fiano reported that things are coming together nicely for the Heritage Farm Celebration. Donna presented a draft of a schedule of events to be printed and circulated throughout the town.

f. Farm display at Bentley Library

Ann reported that she needs more pictures of barns and/or events for the display.

g. Policy for use of farm by organized groups

Nothing at this time.

h. Vibrant Communities Grant – update on participation

Sandra announced that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:30 at the Town Hall and she encouraged members to attend if possible.

i. Other

Nothing at this time.

4. New Business

a. Friends of the Rose Farm work party dates

Richard Treat announced that the next work party date is on Saturday, April 13th.

b. WHIP Grant Planting

Arlene reported that she met with Jayne Seymour from the DEEP who had good suggestions for the WHIP Grant planting.

c. Discussion of future repairs, grant opportunities

Nothing at this time.

d. Other

Nothing at this time.

5. Adjournment

A motion was made by Beth Harney, seconded by Ann Maulucci to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 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.