

Bolton Heritage Farm Commission
Regular Meeting
August 5, 2013

Minutes

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on Monday, August 5, 2013 at the Notch Road Municipal Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Sandra Pierog, Vice Chairman Arlene Fiano, Ann Maulucci, and Donna Phillips. Also in attendance was Buildings and Grounds Supervisor John Butrymovich.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Sandra Pierog called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

2. Approval of minutes of July 1, 2013

A motion was made by Arlene Fiano, seconded by Ann Maulucci to approve July 1, 2013 minutes as corrected.

Corrections to July, 1 2013 minutes

Line 1 paragraph 1 change June 3, 2013 to July, 1 2013

Item 4 change May 6, 2013 to June 3, 2013

3. Unfinished Business

a. Heritage Farm Celebration

i. August Events

Arlene stated the star gazing night is now scheduled for August 22nd, with a rain date of August 23rd. The date was originally August 21 but was changed so there would not be a conflict with the last concert on the green. Arlene also discussed meeting with the Superintendent of Schools Kristin Heckt who is allowing the commission to use the school message board to promote the star gazing event.

Ann Maulucci suggested that a sign be made with a list of all August and September's events. She also stated that the space in the library should be used to promote farmers market and the star gazing. Arlene stated she had spoken to Bill Phillips to see if he could find and put out the tractor signs. There will not be a parade this year instead the tractors will be on display.

Donna Phillips got an estimate from Manchester Awning and Signs for the signs for the farmers market. The estimate was for the amount of \$236.10. Sandra asked John Butrymovich to pull out the wooden signs and paint over the existing dates to get ready for Heritage Weekend. Arlene also mentioned from her meeting with the superintendent that flyers would be put in the children's backpacks to promote the Heritage Farm.

ii. September Events

Arlene stated she attended Hans DePold WR3 meeting where they discussed who will be in attendance at the Friday night event honoring Pam Sawyer. . The Dragoons sent a tentative schedule for demonstrations at the farm on Saturday September 28 and Sunday the 29th. The camp will be open to the public at 10:30 and close at 4:30. John then the town buildings and grounds department will be providing several white 55 gallon barrels for the horses' drinking water. Arlene spoke to insurance agent and the Native American re-enactors cannot be covered under homeowner's insurance policies. Sandra stated she would e-mail out copies of the Dragoons' schedule to the other Commission members and a copy should be placed at the library.

iii. CVC Show

Chairman Sandra Pierog will be the guest on the Town Administrators' Report on the Community Voice Channel August 20th from 11-11:30 AM. She will be on the show to promote Heritage week and all the upcoming events at the farm.

b. Farm Maintenance

John stated regular mowing was occurring and they had to replace 2 windows in the back of the block building. The ruts that need to be fixed in the lower fields were also discussed.

c. Whip Grant Planting schedule/ Eagle Scout Projects

Arlene stated she Jared Neddow and 6 scouts went to the farm to plant 10 trees. They were able to get 4 plants in and covered with netting. She discussed that it has been difficult to coordinate a good time to plant more. Arlene suggested the Commission members consider permitting Jared along with either Mike Harney or another adult continue with the planting without her being present, she indicated the necessary skills have been demonstrated. After the work is completed Arlene could inspect. The Commission agreed by consensus to permit work to continue without Arlene's direct supervision. Ann Maulucci suggested a sign being placed by each plant allowing people to know what it is. Arlene noted the plant stakes identifying the plants were left in the ground near the plants. Sandra then stated she would put the planting plan on the kiosk at the farm to let everyone know about the planting progress.

d. Farm Display at Bentley Library

Ann stated George Johnson won the contest at the library; he came within one nail of picking the right number of nails. Ann called and let him know his prize will be left at the library. Sandra suggested that a sign be put in the display congratulating George.

e. Update on Heritage Farm Fund

John asked for funds detail information to be given to him from the finance department, but was unable to make it back to town hall in enough time to pick the information up. John will email to Sandra in the next few days.

f. CT Barns Grant 2013 Status-Milk Shed Demolition Work

No update at this time

g. Vibrant Communities Grant-Update on report

Report has not appeared yet, no update at this time

h. Update on Fund Raising

Rosie the cow needs to be removed from the library by August 25th to be on display at the farmer's market.

i. Policy for Use of Farm by Organized Groups

No update at this time

j. Other

Nothing at this time

4. New Business

a. Participation in Bolton Alumni Association 3rd Annual Winter Faire, Dec 7th

Sandra stated the space for the Annual Winter Faire has been reduced to \$20, no fee for chairs and a \$10 fee for a table. Sandra asked Donna to check and see the prices of mugs and the minimum number of mugs that can be ordered. The Commission will also sell the note cards and Christmas cards at the Winter Faire.

b. Discussion of Future Repairs, Grant Opportunities

Nothing at this time

c. Other

Sandra stated she will post an agenda for a special meeting on Tuesday August 13th at her home, to discuss details on the farmer's market, Heritage Weekend and preparing/painting signs. Arlene discussed some ideas for next year. She suggested instead of continuing the WR3 theme, Bolton's train history could be the focus. The emphasis would be on train groups and the historic society could do presentations. Arlene also suggested having pumpkin carving contests.

5. Adjournment

A motion was made by Arlene Fiano, seconded by Donna Phillips to adjourn the meeting. Motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Corrine O'Brien
Board Clerk

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

