

Bolton Heritage Farm Commission
Regular Meeting
September 9, 2013

Minutes

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on Monday, September 9, 2013 at the Notch Road Municipal Center. Members in attendance were Chairman Sandra Pierog, Vice Chairman Arlene Fiano, Ann Maulucci, Beth Harney, Donna Phillips and alternate Larry Pesce. Also in attendance was Buildings and Grounds Supervisor John Butrymovich. Bolton residents in attendance were Bonnie Massey, Richard Treat and Ray Hardy.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Sandra Pierog called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

Corrections to August 5, 2013 minutes

Page 2 section 2 (John then the town buildings) should read (The town buildings)
Next sentence reads (several white 55 gallon barrels) should read (several white 150 potable water tanks)

2. Approval of minutes of August 5, 2013

A motion was made by Arlene Fiano, seconded by Ann Maulucci to approve August 5, 2013 minutes as corrected.

3. Unfinished Business

a. Heritage Farm Celebration

i. August Events

Sandra discussed attending the 2013 Heritage Farm Celebration at the Fish Family Farm. She was invited to go during the Bolton farmer's market/tractor display by Lutz Children's Museum. Sandra submitted the application and attended for free. She collected .17 cents from Rosie the cow and sold \$20.00 dollars of cards. There were over 6,000 in attendance at the farm this year. Sandra stated that during Rosie the cow's month stay at the library and the Bolton farmers market she had collected over \$134.00. Larry Pesce stated that during the farmers market other farmers came to him and were interested in participating next year. He also stated that some residents would like to display old antique cars and trucks. Other interested vendors would also like to participate next year. The commission discussed instead of charging each vendor a fee to participate instead would ask for a donation. Ann suggested next year having a bake sale at the farmers market. Arlene suggested next year the Heritage Farm booth should sell bottled water. She also had a lot of people asking to buy honey; Arlene is hoping to find someone local who sells honey for next year's farmers market. Arlene also discussed the star gazing event at the farm. Arlene stated the attendance was very low. They had 2 telescopes and 2 high school kids.

Karen Cordero volunteered her time and said she would love to do another star gazing night in November.

ii. September Events

Arlene stated everything was moving along well. Arlene asked commission if it would be ok if Karen Cordero could have a booth with sophomore students could sell candy apples and baked goods. Arlene asked Karen for a donation in exchange for having a booth during Heritage Farm Weekend, Karen agreed. Sandra stated they would have to bring their own table, clean up and make sure candy apples are on the approved list for bake sale items. Sandra stated that breakfast, lunch and dinner would be provided for the Native Americans and the Dragoons. Prepackaged snacks will be available to the public. She stated they would be eating on the grounds. Sandra asked Ray Hardy how many people were going to be in his group he stated 6; Sandra said she received an email from Sal that stated he has 20 in his group.

Arlene stated Karen Cordero has students signed up to help for the Heritage Farm weekend. Karen needs to know many students are needed, what time they need to be there and what they will be doing. John Butrymovich also stated he needs a schedule to address the trash containers, horse water and refilling the horse water. Ray Hardy asked if water and fire wood would be provided, Sandra assured him it would be provided. Arlene then stated she called and spoke with Village Springs water and got a quote for water. The water will be delivered at town hall and taken to Heritage Farm. Arlene informed the Commission that any water not tampered with and unopened could be taken back. The Commission estimated that 80 gallons totaling 20 crates with 4 to a crate, also 10 cases of bottled water. The water should be delivered September 18th. Arlene also stated porta potties will be provided; the company will call John when delivered and figure out where the porta potties will be placed. Arlene also asked if Larry Pesce would like to have a wagon at the Heritage Farm Weekend to sell produce. He stated he would get back to her. Sandra asked John if he could net off sides to ramp before the event.

Arlene stated the Selectman had asked if parking and shuttle services would be available. Sandra responded Ernie and herself would be there to help transport people to the farm. Ray Hardy asked commission where participants should park and Arlene said they could park at her house. John stated he would have one guy working the weekend available 9-5 just in case they are needed for anything.

iii. CVC Show

Sandra had her report on the Community Voice Channel; she talked for 30 Minutes about improvements to the farm and the reenactment that is coming up. The CVC has asked for a table at the Heritage Weekend. They are looking for film crews to film the reenactment. Sandra stated they need someone who is trained and knows how to edit and produce a show for the Heritage Farm.

b. Farm Maintenance

John stated regular mowing was occurring, they installed an outlet on the light post and pruning and cleaning of the walls. Sandra stated she saw a loose board on the back door of barn. John will investigate the problem.

c. Meeting with Bolton School system leadership

Arlene had a meeting with Kristen Heckt the superintendent of Bolton Schools, to discuss if she was interested in intertwining the curriculum and the Heritage Farm. Kristen was very interested in K-12 using the barn for educational resources. Arlene would like to ask Selectman if a student and a teacher can serve as an alternate to be part of the commission. Arlene would really like incorporate the schools into the Heritage Farm. A meeting was held at the farm with the Arlene, Sandra, Bolton School curriculum development specialist and the principals of the high school and the elementary school to discuss the educational opportunities available. Information on the farm was provided at that meeting.

d. WHIP Grant planting schedule/Eagle Scout Projects

Jared did complete the project before his 18th birthday and will be meeting with the Eagle Review Board. All planting is complete, some of the plants needed extra watering. John and crew have taken over the watering duties. Beth reported that Evan also earned and was awarded his Eagle Badge.

e. Update on Heritage Farm Fund

Rosie earned \$134.00 at the library and the farmers market. Sandra stated they now have inventory of mugs and cards. Rosie now has \$311.00 in the bank. Sandra also stated she had sent in application for the Winter Faire which is scheduled for the first Saturday in December.

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

The funds have not yet been received. Sandra is working with the CT Trust to accept the report from the 2012 grant. Funds should be released as soon as the report is accepted. .

g. Vibrant Communities Grant-Update on report

Selectmen held a stakeholders meeting to review the draft report. There were a lot of comments on the content of the report. Sandra stated she was unhappy with the lack of professional guidance in the report. Arlene stated there were others who also were disappointed with the quality of the report. The selectman was going to compile the comments and send the comments to the consultants for review and action.

h. Update on Fund Raising

Beth stated there was nothing at this time.

i. Policy for Use of Farm by Organized Groups

No update at this time

j. Other

Nothing at this time

4. New Business

a. Discussion of Future Repairs, Grant Opportunities

Nothing at this time

b. Friends of The Rose Farm

Work parties will be held on the farm on September 21, October 12 and November 9th.

c. Other

Sandra stated she had received an invitation for the Commission to the Friday evening reception and tribute for Representative Pamela Sawyer to be held at Bolton High School on Friday September 27, 2013. RSVP's are requested.

5. Adjournment

A motion was made by Arlene Fiano, seconded by Beth Harney to adjourn the meeting. Motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 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.