

**Heritage Farm Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 4, 2015**

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held its regular meeting on June 1, 2015 at the Notch Road Municipal building. Members in attendance were Chairman Sandra Pierog, Arlene Fiano, Ann Maulucci, Kathy Aspinall, Beth Harney and John Treat. Building and grounds supervisor John Butrymovich was not present. Bolton residents in attendance were Bonnie Massey and Richard Treat

**1. Call to order**

Sandra Pierog called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of May 4, 2015**

John Treat made a motion to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Arlene Fiano.

**3. Planning- Heritage Weekend 2015**

Arlene Fiano asked the Commission if they thought moving the Heritage Farm event to the high school in light of the recent fire at the barn. The Commission all agreed that was a good idea. Arlene also stated she has not heard back from the high school music teacher.

Arlene stated there are limited resources and help available, so she was thinking about scaling the event back to just two bands.

Arlene also stated she wants the Board of Selectman to stand behind the Heritage Farm Commission for mailings and money to pay for the bands and also use of the towns insurance for the high school.

Beth Harney asked Arlene if the event is going to do fundraising. Arlene stated yes, maybe a 50/50 raffle.

Beth Harney also stated she would help Arlene with the mailings.

**4. Unfinished Business**

**A. Farm maintenance and repair projects**

Nothing at this time, John is on vacation.

**B. Update on barn status**

Chairman Sandra Pierog stated that the barn was insured as a vacant building valued at \$190,000. Sandra stated she was hoping to get an estimate on the damage; the insurance appraiser came out but was not allowed to go through the barn yet. The alarm company came to the barn the alarms were not fire alarms but instead were heat alarms. Sandra also stated the electrical company also came to the barn and installed a new panel.

Sandra stated the Board of Selectmen at the next meeting will be sending a letter to the JI and the Courant supporting the repairs on the barn.

Sandra told the Commission the fire investigation was still ongoing and the fire was started by an unnatural cause.

**C. Bolton Center Subcommittee (Formerly Vibrant Communities grant) status report**

Nothing at this time

**D. Update on Fund Raising**

Sandra stated Rosie the cow made .50 cents at family day.

**E. Student/School participation**

Nothing at this time

**F. Policy for use of the farm by organized groups**

Sandra stated the cross country series will begin June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Arlene Fiano suggested having a policy brochure for the open space and the barn. She stated this way people know what the property can be used for and what amenities it has.

**G. Future use of the Farm House**

Nothing at this time

**5. New Business**

**A. Discussion of Future Grants, repair opportunities**

Sandra stated that Todd Levine would be the Commissions contact for council and Tourism to work on restrictions for the barn.

Sandra also talked about a grant called Threatened Property Grant; Sandra stated if it's in the governor's budget then the Commission would be applying. This grant allows insurance funds to be used to match.

**6. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Beth Harney to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Arlene Fiano. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corrine O'Brien  
Board Clerk

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