

Heritage Farm Commission
Special Meeting
September 14, 2015

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held a special meeting on September 14, 2015 at the Notch Road Municipal building. Members in attendance were Chairman Sandra Pierog, Arlene Fiano, Ann Maulucci and Kathy Aspinall. Building and grounds supervisor John Butrymovich was also present. Bolton residents in attendance were Richard Treat and Bonnie Massey.

1. Call to order

Sandra Pierog called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

2. Approval of the Minutes of August 3, 2015

The Commission all accepted the August 3, 2015 minutes with the following corrections.

Line one should read- held a special meeting on August 3, 2015 at the Heritage farm. Also for town residents Helen Meloche should be added. Under number 2 the date should be July 6, 2015. Under 5C after the word mother in line one add Helen Meloche name. Under section 5G add Ray Hardy was in attendance at the meeting to discuss putting a kestrel box on the farm. Ray Hardy came on behalf of Tom Sayer who is a local kestrel expert. The Commission was given a map and the Commission approved a location for the kestrel box in the lower field in the South West corner of the flat lot located near the bee hives. Under section 6A add voted unanimously.

3. Planning- Heritage Weekend 2015

Arlene Fiano stated the flyers for Heritage Farm were sent out. Sandra is going to get in contact with Beth Harney and see if Minute Man printing has any extra copies of the flyer. Arlene stated she was going on the CVC tomorrow to discuss the upcoming Heritage Farm event. Arlene also asked the Commission if they could put together a slide show of pictures of the barn over the years.

Sandra Pierog asked John Butrymovich to bring the Heritage Farm signage to her house by Wednesday so they can fix the dates and place them around town. Sandra also asked Arlee to get some info from Dennis Sheridan about payment for the bands.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Farm maintenance and repair projects

John Butrymovich stated they were finished mowing the walls and the second round of treatment for the invasive was done.

B. Update on barn repairs (post fire)

John Butrymovich stated he meet with the roof expert and was told there is no buckling or bubbling and the shingles look to be in good shape. Sandra stated a juvenile had been arrested for setting the fire to the Heritage Barn. Sandra also stated she still does not have cost from the builder.

C. Discussion of Location of type of Memorial Recognitions

Helen Meloche Kathy Aspinall's mother visited a church and saw some stone benches she really liked. Helen and Kathy are going contact the church and see where the benches were made.

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

Nothing at this time

E. Update on Farmers Market

Kathy stated her bake sale and raffle tickets raised \$272.00 and Ann Maulucci stated the historic society raised \$169.00. Sandra stated she is going to find out what steps are needed to become an official farmers

market. Commission members all thought that next year a map needs to be made so they know where everyone will go.

F. Student/School participation

Nothing at this time

G. Policy for use of the farm by organized groups

Nothing at this time

H. Future use of the Farm House

Sandra stated that the Board of Selectmen brought a plan before planning and Zoning for \$200,000 for improvements to be done at the same time at the fire repair work. Sandra stated some of the repairs would include replacing front end of the milk room area, also tearing down the ceiling and putting a new roof on the milk shed barn. Sandra stated that Planning and Zoning did not approve the plan and also did not approve the septic tank. Sandra is hoping to meet with planning and zoning again with a better plan and explanation of how and where the money will be spent on repairs at the farm.

Richard Treat let the Commission know that the Rose farm work parties will be withdrawing from the work parties until a special need arises.

5. New Business

A. Discussion of Future Grants, repair opportunities

Nothing at this time

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 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.