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Meeting of the Parmelee Farm Steering Committee

Thursday April 5, 2012 - Killingworth Town Hall

The following committee members were in attendance: Robert Broach, Christine Cronin, Terry Doyle, Linda Dudek, Doug Ewers, Richard Pleines, and Peg Scofield.

Absent: Tim Gannon, Joseph Hutchins

Guests: Bruce Dodson, Lou Scranton

Peg Scofield called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and welcomed the guests.

Karen Milano presented a proposal from Mike Milano that he can build a stand-alone restroom building with volunteer labor for the framing, roof, siding and possibly the electricity. The cost to the town would be the building materials and foundation work as well as the plumbing. This provides an additional possible restroom solution for the farm. Peg thanked Karen and said that this would be discussed at length at another meeting.

Peg Scofield then led a discussion addressing the two solutions (as presented by the TLB architects at the meeting on April 3) for the ADA-required handicapped restroom for the farm house, which is necessary to obtain a C O. The first option is a renovation of the existing first floor bathroom into a unisex handicapped restroom. The second option is an addition to the house which would contain 2 handicapped restrooms. The drawings from the architects were reviewed for those members of the committee who had not attended the Tuesday meeting. There was lengthy discussion.

Linda Dudek moved that the Committee choose the renovation to the existing bathroom on the first floor of the house to satisfy the ADA requirements for a handicapped restroom, seconded by Richard Pleines. Unanimously passed.

Richard Pleines moved to accept the minutes from the March 1, meeting, seconded by Doug Ewers. Passed. Robert Broach and Karen Milano abstained.

Terry Doyle moved to accept the minutes from the March 13 special meeting, seconded by Linda Dudek. Passed. Richard Pleines abstained.

Terry Doyle moved to accept the minutes from the April 3 special meeting, seconded by Peg Scofield. Passed. Linda Dudek, Doug Ewers and Richard Pleines abstained.

Karen Milano then reported on Dog Days. She said that she had recently been to one of their events and that they are much better organized than they had been in the past under the leadership of Michelle West and Julie Berman. Peg Scofield commented that, because of the commencement of work on the farmhouse sometime this summer and work on the Pole barn...we would not be ready to host another event until spring of 2013.

Peg Scofield then reported on the Eagle Scout Projects. Mat McCann's bridge to the south field is almost complete. She stated that Tim Gannon had signed off on the scout project proposed by Evan Siegel, which is to build 5 or 6 picnic table sets. Evan will now take this to the Boy Scouts for approval.

Peg Scofield then reported that the sign-up for the Community Gardens has been held and it looks like there will be 30 – 40 gardeners this year.

Peg reported that the scheduled events at the farm for the spring are 1) Ann Nord's science fair kick off day Sunday April 29 from 12-1 and 2) John Himmelman's nature walk in June.

Bruce Dodson gave a report on the progress that the group of volunteers has made at the farmhouse. The paneling in the main room has been removed and in the process they discovered an old doorway from the kitchen. Terry Doyle has installed the trim work on the doorway and they found the original door in the stone barn. Terry Doyle has donated the hardware for the door. The crew of volunteers has also stripped old wallpaper and removed the old heating system from the first and second floors.

Peg Scofield then did a recap of the information presented to the committee by TLBA at the April 3 meeting for those who could not attend. Items discussed were the sprinkler system and the structural work that needs to be done to get the CO.

Peg said that Tim has been in touch with Doug Williamson with respect to finishing the work on the school house and he will report on this at the next meeting.

Peg reported that the stone barn has been secured and the community garden is storing their equipment there.

Peg said the community work day at the farm is scheduled for the weekend of April 14 and 15. Most of the projects to be done will be in and around the stone barn to clean up the area and improve the view on the approach from the trail from the middle school. Volunteers are now removing the old roof from the cinder block addition of the stone barn.

Bruce Dodson reported on the farm's hiking trails. He said that they are in good shape and the majority of the work this spring will be signage and some trail grooming. He also voiced concerns that there have been individuals entering the property from the north and riding trail bikes on the trails. This has caused rutting in certain areas. There was lengthy discussion on this topic.

Terry Doyle moved that the Committee should request that the Conservation Commission have the wooded areas of the farm designated as open spaces under town ordinance Chapter 352, seconded by Richard Pleines. Unanimously passed.

Peg reported that the Lions International has offered to plant 60 small trees as a buffer between the farm and the Bosco property. There was discussion.

Terry Doyle moved to allow the Lions International to plant 60 small trees as a buffer between the farm and the Bosco property, seconded by Richard Pleines. Unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin, Secretary

