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Meeting of the Parmelee Farm Steering Committee

Thursday June 7, 2012 - Killingworth Town Hall

The following committee members were in attendance: Robert Broach, Christine Cronin, Terry Doyle, Tim Gannon, Richard Pleines, Peg Scofield.

Absent: Linda Dudek, Doug Ewers, Joseph Hutchins, Karen Milano

Guests: Bruce Dodson

Tim Gannon called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and welcomed the guest.

Bruce Dodson said that at the last meeting that he had made a statement to the architects that it was very important to save the back door of the farmhouse. It is an original door and in good shape.. The ADA requirements for the size of the door are very close to the existing opening. It is important that the architects make every effort to save the old door, rather than install a new one.

Terry Doyle moved to accept the minutes from the May 11 meeting, seconded by Richard Pleines. Unanimously passed.

Tim Gannon reported that the work on the roof for the cinderblock addition to the stone barn is progressing. The group of volunteers has installed the first truss for the roof.

Tim reported that the schoolhouse roof is also progressing. Tim Foreman is working on the additional trim that has to be in place before the roof is shingled. He will keep the committee informed of the progress.

Bruce Dodson then made a presentation of the proposed lighting scheme for the main floor of the farmhouse. The layout includes high hat lights and track lighting. All of this will be done while the ceilings are down on the main floor to allow for the structural work that must be done to the second floor. There was lengthy discussion.

Peg Scofield moved that the lighting scheme be included in the STEAP grant funded project, seconded by Terry Doyle. Unanimously passed.

Tim Gannon then reviewed the list of items (as discussed at the last meeting) that should be included in the STEAP grant project paperwork. At the last meeting the architects asked the committee to come up with this list as soon as possible. There was lengthy discussion. The final list of items is as follows: 1) Air conditioning in the farm house, 2.)Insulation in the two attics of the farm house, 3) Fixtures for the future restroom building, 4) Drill a new well to serve the future restroom building, and 5) Bring the electrical service into the stone barn.

Peg Scofield moved that the list of five additional items to be included in the STEAP Grant documentation be given to Mike Fortuna, seconded by Robert Broach. Unanimously passed.

Tim Gannon reported on the progress the Historical Society has made on the garage. They have had a new cement floor poured and purchased new shingles for the roof. The back wall of the building has been completed. Fran Dooley is the clerk of the works for the Historical Society on the project. And the committee will be informed of the progress.

Terry Doyle then reported on the work being done on the stone barn. He said that there are two choices for doors to be used to secure the cinderblock addition of the stone barn. One would be a standard garage type overhead door. The other would be traditional sliding barn type doors. There was discussion as to the pros and cons of each and the security of the stone barn. The consensus was to go with the sliding barn type doors.

Tim Gannon reported that Bill Drain and his son Ethan had spent a full day with his back hoe and grapple clearing away some of the debris by the pole barn. That area is now clear for the work that is going to be done by the Lions.

Tim Gannon stated we need to get quotes to have the two spruce trees removed from the back of the farmhouse. This must be done before the STEAP funds project begins. He said he thought we should get bids from Bill Howard, Bruce Fagan and Wilcox Tree. The bids should include removal of the two spruce trees and removal of some pine logs that was left after another tree project. There was lengthy discussion. Bruce Dodson will prepare the bid request.

Tim Gannon then brought up the subject of creating a memorial garden on the property. There have been several inquiries with reference to planting a tree on the farm. Peg Scofield said rather than planting trees perhaps a memorial garden with a bench. There was lengthy discussion as to the pros and cons of the concept of a memorial garden. The discussion is to be continued.

Peg Scofield reported that the only event planned so far this summer is a visit to the farm by the Platt Nature Center with a group of children planned for July 17.

Terry Doyle reported that Tim Forman had stated to him that he believed that the school house needs to have two beams added to the structure. Bruce Dodson stated that all of the school houses in town were built the same way and the structure is sound. Before anything is done a builder who is familiar with historic buildings should be consulted -- someone like Jeff Klausen or Mike Bugbee. Terry Doyle also stated that the front door to the school house is racked and needs to be fixed.

Tim Gannon said that he had had a discussion with Alynn Chase, who had said he would put together a list of repairs and a quote for the floor for the school house. Peg Scofield pointed out that the building needs to be closed up and made safe. There was discussion as to how to accomplish this. Tim Gannon stated that the committee still has \$2400 left in the operating budget for this year. There was lengthy discussion.

Peg Scofield moved to spend up to \$900 for materials necessary to secure the schoolhouse and the addition to the stone barn, seconded by Terry Doyle. Unanimously passed.

Peg Scofield moved to spend up to \$500 for materials necessary to construct the doors for the stone barn addition, seconded by Terry Doyle. Unanimously passed.

Peg Scofield moved to spend up to \$500 to buy plexiglass for the windows of the stone barn, seconded by Terry Doyle. Unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin, Secretary

