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Meeting of the Parmelee Farm Steering Committee

Thursday April 4, 2012 - Killingworth Town Hall

The following committee members were in attendance: Robert Broach, Christine Cronin, Bruce Dodson, Linda Dudek, Tim Gannon, Karen Milano, Richard Pleines, and Peg Scofield

Absent: Terry Doyle,

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

Richard Pleines moved to accept the minutes from the meeting of February 7, 2013, seconded by Robert Broach. Unanimously passed.

Tim Gannon then gave a review of the progress on the farmhouse work. He stated that much of the structural work has been completed and that Ed Noble feels that we are on target for having the job completed in May. He reported that the Historical Society has moved ahead with the projects on the house that they are undertaking. They have had the work done on the well to bring it up to code and the alarm system is being installed. It was noted that these items are being done at the Historical Society's expense. There was lengthy discussion on the ongoing work at the farmhouse.

Tim then reported that he had gotten a quote from Quality Propane for the underground 500 gallon propane tank that is needed for the new heating system in the farmhouse. The quote is for \$2450 for the tank and they will need 1 week lead time. There was discussion.

Tim then reported on the other projects on the list for this year – the stone barn, the exterior restroom, power to the stone barn and pole barn and the schoolhouse. He stated that once the farmhouse is done the committee will review the funds and then see what projects can be done. As of right now there is \$2,300 left in the operating budget and \$43,000 in the capital budget. There was discussion.

Tim said that he had made a PFSC budget presentation to the Board of Finance. The following week, Peg and Bruce took several B of F members (Sean O'Connell, Nancy Gorsky, And Mark Williams) on a tour of the farm to show them the progress that has been made there.

Peg then reported on the activities at the farm. There is to be a first annual KHMS community day which is scheduled for April 13. The event will begin at the farm and then participants will board school buses and travel to various locations in town to clean up areas and then return to the farm for a barbeque. This activity is sponsored by the Middle School. April 14 is sign up day for the Community Gardens. The charge will be \$30 per plot...and a \$10 fee to have it rototilled. After that date, sign up is at the town hall and it is open registration.

Peg also reported that she had been approached by a student from Green Mountain College in Vermont to be an intern at the farm. She will look into it further to see if it is something that would be viable. There was discussion.

Bruce reported that Trails Day would be held on June 1. He also said that the Lions Easter Egg Hunt went very well and that the Lions were pleased with the location and set-up at the farm.

Bob Broach said that Platt Nature Center was planning a day at the farm this summer as part of their summer program. He will notify the committee when that will be.

Tim then reviewed a list of areas of the farm that could use some cleanup work they include 1) the area where the new restroom building will go, 2) the area on the north side where the parking area will

eventually be located, 3) the area behind the schoolhouse. Tim has spoken to Walt re: getting some help from the town crew to do some of the clearing work. Walt suggested that we need to have a brush hog for this type of work. Walt suggested a King Cutter 5 foot brush hog which would cost \$949. There was lengthy discussion.

Tim reported that he has purchased some garbage and recycle cans for the farm they are presently stored in the stone barn.

Tim then brought up the letter the committee had received from Susan Dean, re getting some small flat stones to complete the reading tree project at KES. She needs about 12 stones to complete the project. There was discussion on this.

Karen Milano the asked the Committee what they thought of the idea of she and Mike installing a Little Free Library at the farm. There was discussion and the committee decided that it should go to the left of the gate to the community garden.

Linda Dudek moved that the committee approve the installation of a Little Free Library at the farm, seconded by Richard Pleines. Unanimously passed

Adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin, Secretary