

MINUTES

Meeting of the Parmelee Farm Committee

Thursday September 4, 2014 – Town Hall

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

Guest: Rob Mooney

Tim Gannon called the meeting to order at 7:06p.m. and welcomed the guest, Rob Mooney.

Rob told the committee that he is a junior at H-K. H-K is having a fund raiser this year to help raise money for new football uniforms. They are selling discount cards which may be used at area businesses. He asked the committee for permission to sell the discount cards at the next concert at the farm scheduled to be held September 14. There was discussion.

Terry Doyle moved that the committee approve the selling of the discount cards at the September 14 concert, seconded by Peg Scofield. Unanimously passed.

Terry Doyle moved to approve Roger Nemergut's plan for the parking lot, access road and path, seconded by Guy Vecchitto. Unanimously passed.

Peg Scofield moved to accept the minutes from the meeting of July 3, seconded by Bruce Dodson. Passed. Terry Doyle and Robert Broach abstained.

Peg Scofield moved to accept the minutes from the special meeting of August 19, 2014, seconded by Terry Doyle. Passed. Robert Broach, Karen Milano and Guy Vecchitto abstained.

Tim Gannon reported on the Eagle Scout projects. Rob Tischbein has hung his last bat house at the farm. They are located at 1) the new parking lot, 2) the stone barn, 3) a tree by the pond and 4) on the schoolhouse. Nicko Franceschi-Hofman has installed 10 benches (2 are located on the Welter Woods property). The committee has not yet received copies of the project notebooks on these projects. The only other Eagle Scout project pending is Ben Chasse's beehive project which will get going early next spring.

Peg reported that the policies and procedures documents which were discussed at the July meeting have been approved by the First Selectman's office. Peg also reported that there has been a request to use the pole barn for a wedding in the fall of 2015. It has not been finalized. There was lengthy discussion of the use of a pole barn for a wedding.

Tim stated that Eileen Gannon was interested in the paid job for cleaning of the restroom building at Parmelee. Linda Dudek said that Dawn Mooney had also expressed interest in assisting with that. There was discussion of the cleaning duties for the restroom building. Peg will call these individuals when the restrooms need cleaning.

Tim then reported on the next free concert which is scheduled to take place on Sunday September 14. He said there will be 4 sets of performers. He said that so far the concerts have been a great success. There were about 120 attendees at the last concert. He reported that we received \$267 in donations

from the first 2 concerts. This includes \$63 dollars from the sale of lemon Italian ice donated by Guy Vecchitto. Guy will sell lemon ice at the September 14 concert.

Tim reported on the progress of the new drive and parking lot. The drive is almost done this includes a pipe that was added to allow the water runoff to pass through. He urged committee members who have not seen the progress to go take a look. The parking lot should be done soon. Bruce Dodson reported that the design plans for the handicapped ramp for the farmhouse should be done next week.

Tim reported that the work in the pole barn continues. Terry Doyle is leading a team with John Byrne, Ernie and Scott to clad all of the posts. There was discussion.

Tim reported that Tony Savanelli has completed the well-flow test. Results will be filed with the state and the town.

Tim also reported that Killingworth Foundation's Sunflower Project will culminate with a gathering at the farm this Saturday from noon to 3 p.m.

Tim Gannon passed around a sketch of the proposed plan for the lighting of the trail between the farm and the middle school parking lot. As discussed at a prior meeting the lights will be on 14' 4x4 posts. Tom Elmore has suggested that the lights be barn lights with cages. There will be a lockable switch in the pole barn for operation. There was further discussion of the lighting for the path.

Tim said that the following items should be included in the October Krier – Sunflower Project, the September concert and the wind down of the Community Harvest. Peg reported that the Community Harvest is doing very well...they have been getting 40 – 50 people each Thursday. The remainder of the weekly produce is donated to St Vincent de Paul soup kitchen in Middletown.

Bruce Dodson showed the committee some specs on dog waste stations. He stated that the committee should purchase 3 of them. There was lengthy discussion.

Terry Doyle moved that the committee authorize the expenditure of up to \$1000 to purchase dog waste stations and extra bags and baskets, seconded by Peg Scofield. Unanimously passed.

Tim said that Greg Wind said that a friend of his had a truckload of 1 ¼" oak that he was willing to donate to the farm. Tim said that he thought it would make good flooring for the schoolhouse. There was discussion, and it was decided to accept the wood and store it in the schoolhouse.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Christine Cronin

Secretary

