

MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Parmelee Farm Committee

Monday May 5, 2014 – Town Hall

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

Guests: Doug Brown, Debra Brown, Nicko Franceschi-Hofman, and Guy Vecchitto

Tim Gannon called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed the guests.

Nicko Franceschi-Hofman gave a presentation on his proposed Eagle Scout Project. He would like to build 5 to 10 benches, out of maple or oak, for the farm. He showed the committee two proposed versions of the benches (one with a back and one without). Tim suggested that Bruce Dodson be Nicko's point person once he gets approval for this project. Nicko stated that the project would be done before July 26.

Linda Dudek reported that town had received the grant from the Connecticut Trust of \$935 for the repair of the sill in the farmhouse. Jeff Klausen will do the work.

Bruce Dodson reported on the progress that the Historical Society has made at the house. The garage has been painted and one room on the ground floor of the farmhouse has been painted. Linda stated that the kitchen is a work in progress. There was discussion.

Tim Gannon reported that a sump pump has been installed to resolve the water issues in the basement. This was a donation from Jason Weinstein of Budget Dry Waterproofing valued at \$1300. It will be hooked up to the alarm system. There was discussion.

Tim reported on the progress at the exterior restroom and pole barn. The floor coating and sealing is almost complete. The labor and materials has been donated Chris & Jeff Graves, of Priority Enterprises. The work is valued at \$5000. They should be finished with it by tomorrow. Tim stated that the pole barn has more phases to be completed before we can get a C of O. The grey siding has to go up and several other carpentry projects. There was lengthy discussion.

Tim stated that he hopes to get the restroom up and running by June. Jack Schuster is looking into a hot water heater. There was lengthy discussion of water heaters.

Terry Doyle moved that an on-demand water heater should be installed in the restroom, seconded by Robert Broach. Unanimously passed.

Tim reported that the trees and brush in the area of the new parking lot is almost cleared. The Venuti's will donate the labor to construct the parking lot. The materials will cost approximately \$14,000. There was discussion.

Bruce Dodson stated that they need to have a drawing of the new north side entrance of the house before they can construct the handicapped ramp and path. Linda will check for the "as built" copy of the blueprints as drawn by TLB.

Tim stated that he had heard from Lindsay Topen, an advisor from the middle school. She told him that some middle schoolers from the G.I.V.E. group will be coming to do work on the farm. They will come on May 15 and 22. Tim stated that the committee needs to look for more recruits for the lawn mowing.

Tim then went through the list of Eagle Scout projects, which include dog waste stations, Bob Tischbein's bat house project, landscaping around the pond and more picnic tables.

Tim then spoke about events at the farm. The Middle School Cleanup Day went very well. Approximately 140 participated. There were 8-10 people at the farm. They picked up sticks and debris all over the farm. Bruce stated that trails day will be held June 7 with a rain date of June 8. Peg reported that there will be a family event on June 15 and that nursery school wants to have a fund raiser again at the farm date TBD.

Peg Scofield then stated that the committee needs to come up with a physical master plan for the pole barn and a plan of usage for the pole barn and the area surrounding it. This needs to be done before we move forward and booking events. There was lengthy discussion. This will be continued at another meeting.

Tim showed the committee the box that will hold the defibrillator that was given by the Ambulance Association. There was discussion and it was decided that the most secure place to keep it would be the stone barn.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin

Secretary