

## MINUTES

### Meeting of Parmelee Farm Committee

Thursday April 2, 2015 – Town Hall

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

Tim Gannon called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Tim presented the minutes from the March 11 meeting. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Karen Milano then reported on the progress in the organizing of the Farmers Market for this summer. There has been a lot of interest and a number of vendors have already signed up. The web site is up and running. Some vendors are reserving 2 spot so that they can have a large stand. Karen said that we will not have any trouble filling all of the spaces. There was lengthy discussion.

Tim stated that the only new event to add to the list Peg gave at the last meeting is the Contractors Breakfast to be held by the Chamber of Commerce at the farm on Father's Day.

Tim also reported that he is looking for more artists to perform at the Sunday Free Concerts at the Farm. Tim said that he had been approached by Don and Jackie Wilcox about their sponsorship of a concert of a group called the Connecticut Symphonic Winds. There was discussion. Tim will suggest the date of July 12.

Peg announced that registration for the Community Garden begins April 13. The applications are located in the Town Clerk's office. Peg said that the Community Harvest committee is gearing up for another season. They have applied for a grant that would pay for a drip irrigation system. There was discussion.

Tim reported that the State has not yet approved the new well. They have requested additional documentation, which Jack Schuster is assembling for them. Tim will keep the committee informed.

Tim updated the committee on the progress in the driveway to the pole barn. As was discussed at the last meeting, Mike Milano has agreed to donate operator and equipment to get the drive constructed. Mike also found a donor of the stone for the drive. Weather permitting this will be started soon. There was discussion.

Tim said that the next urgent project is getting the roof of the pole barn fixed and the ceiling completed. This needs to be completed before the first event which is scheduled the middle of May. There was discussion.

Peg reported that the Two Coyotes Wilderness Program had started. She said that they had wanted to have a fire. Peg referred them to Jim MacDonald, the fire commissioner. There was discussion.

Bruce Dodson said that all of the trail maps were ruined during the winter and the large map from the kiosk was stolen. It was suggested that the trail map be posted on the farm website so that people could access it on their cell phones or print out a copy before leaving home. More maps will be supplied for the kiosk. There was discussion.

Peg then brought up the fact that someone keeps moving the barrier that was placed on the driveway entrance so that people would park in the new parking area. She suggested that perhaps the committee should install two granite posts with a chain across to keep traffic from going into the dooryard area. . There was lengthy discussion as to type of materials and location of the barrier. Karen Milano said she thought a cedar turnpike might be a good solution. She will investigate this solution. There will be more discussion on this at a later meeting.

Tim Reported the Finance Committee has approved a budget of \$12,000 Operating and \$35,000 Capital for the farm for the coming fiscal year. The vote on the budget will be May 15.

Tim reported that the Lions have ordered 152 white resin chairs, 15 5-foot round white resin tables and storage carts for them. They will be stored in the storage room in the pole barn. There will be a Lions subcommittee that will be in charge of the rental of these tables and chairs.

Peg brought samples of tee shirts for the committee to see. Parking attendants for events will have tee shirts to wear, so that they are identifiable as farm staff. Committee members will also have tee shirts to wear for events. There was discussion. Peg will have more information for the next meeting.

Tim said that it is time to put signs on the restroom and pole barn to give credit to the many who volunteered materials and labor to get these two buildings finished. He will compile a list for the committee and then a design for the signs will be chosen.

There was further discussion on the work yet to be done at the pole barn.

Peg Scofield moved to approve up to \$500 for the repairs to the ceiling of the pole barn, seconded by Bruce Dodson. Unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:38p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin

Secretary