

MINUTES

Special Meeting of Parmelee Farm Committee

Tuesday August 11, 2015 – Town Hall

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

Absent: Karen Milano

Guest: Scott Hawkins

Tim Gannon called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and welcomed Scott Hawkins. The minutes from the meeting held July 2 were approved as presented.

Tim reported that the last farm market went well although attendance was down, probably due to vacations. He reported that the parking flow was good and no one had to park in the middle school parking lot. The golf cart that was lent to the market by Lavender Pond Farm was utilized more this market than the last one. Tim stated that this might be the time for the farm to have its own golf cart for use at the farm market and other events. There was lengthy discussion of golf carts and Scott Hawkins volunteered to research golf carts and get back to Tim shortly.

Peg reviewed the upcoming events at the Farm – on August 29th a wedding, in September the Farm Market on the 12th and a wedding on the 19th, October 10 Youth and Family Services, October 11 the Lions Pig Roast, and on October 24 the pumpkin carving event. There was discussion.

Tim then talked on the topic of the signage for the Farm to recognize all of the many organizations, companies and individuals who have given labor, goods and services to get the farm where is it today. He had prepared a list of contributors for the pavilion and the restroom. There was lengthy discussion of various options, including a series of placards to be placed along the path at the left of the farmhouse where people enter from the parking lot. The committee will do more research into signage used in historical venues like Sturbridge village, Williamsburg, etc. There will be further discussion at the next meeting.

Tim reported that the painting has started on the ceiling of the pavilion. It should be done by Thursday. He also reported that there is an error in the C of O for the pavilion, which must be corrected before any information can be gotten on how a meeting room might be constructed in a portion of the storage area of the pavilion. He will continue to work on this.

Tim reported that the La Foresta Dinner at the Farm, will be held at the restaurant rather than the farm. There was discussion.

Peg reported that for next year, all day long events will be charged \$2000 per event. This will include the restroom charge and the booking fee. Private events will be able to go until 11p.m. There was discussion of lighting for people leaving events that end after dark. Tim stated that solar powered lights had been ordered to be placed on the stone barn and the garage. There was discussion.

Tim reported that the strings of Edison lights for the pavilion had arrived. They will be installed on Friday or Saturday. There was discussion.

Tim also reported that Mike Milano had said he would send over Billy with the backhoe machine for two days. There was discussion as to what work should be done.

Meeting adjourned 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin

Secretary