

MINUTES

Meeting of Parmelee Farm Committee

Thursday November 3, 2016 – The Pond Room at Parmelee Farm

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

Absent: Scott Hawkins and Karen Milano

Tim opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

The minutes from October 6, 2016 were accepted as presented.

Peg distributed a new calendar of events and reviewed the events for the rest of this season and a few new ones that have been booked for next year. The Place Called Hope fundraiser on October 29 was again a great success and they have booked a date for next year. There was further discussion on the calendar.

Bruce reported that he has installed 6 new dog walker signs and there will be more placed along the trails. There was discussion.

Linda Dudek reported that the schoolhouse sill replacement has been completed and the building is now secure. The building inspector has reviewed the structural work done on the building. There was discussion.

Tim stated that other work including the siding on the schoolhouse needs to be replaced. Linda added that the building also needs new windows & doors. The committee will get quotes on these projects. There will be further discussion at a later time.

Tim reported that the floor of the Pond Room will be done as soon as Chris Graves finishes up a couple of large jobs they have started. He also reported that the following projects have been completed. a) The Farmhouse stumps have been ground and the dead branches removed and b) the catwalk in the Pavilion has been completed with the help of John Byrne & Ernie Pizzuto. There was discussion.

Tim reported that he has heard from the Eagle Scout who is working on plans for a new bridge from the south field to the pond. He is hoping to have plans to show the committee by the December meeting.

Tim said that Andrea Freiberger has requested permission to have the Girl Scouts have a camp out at the Farm. There was discussion. There was agreement that this would be okay. Tim will let the committee know when they have given a date.

Tim brought up the fact that the Farm needs a new mower. He is investigating a riding zero-turn mower to replace the Bolens. There was lengthy discussion. Linda said that she feels there should be a plan for the use of the event money. For the December meeting there will be a discussion of mowing expenses vs. possibly contracting the mowing out. There was lengthy discussion.

Tim stated that the farm hydrant at the west end of the Pavilion is not working. Jack Schuster spent 2 hours trying to get it to work, but told Tim that it has to be dug out. There was lengthy discussion.

Tim discussed that arrangements need to be made with the Historical Society regarding the use of the Schoolhouse. Linda stated that the Historical Society has discussed funding the floor and walls for the building but that they would like assurances that they could use the building. There was lengthy discussion. This topic will be discussed further at a later date.

Bruce brought up that the Committee needs to have a policy with respect to the release of video from the surveillance system at the Farm. There was discussion. Tim will speak to Cathy Iino about having all requests of this nature go through the First Selectman's office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin

Secretary