

## MINUTES

### Special Meeting of Parmelee Farm Committee

Thursday April 14, 2016 – The Pond Room at Parmelee Farm

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

Absent: Karen Milano

Guest: Robin Duffield

Tim Gannon opened the meeting and welcomed the guest at 7:03 p.m. Tim Introduced Robin Duffield from the Middle School, who talked about this year's seventh grade Civil War day at the Farm. It will be held May 19<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of May 20<sup>th</sup>. The event will run the same way as last year, which worked out very well. This year the Historical Society will have the house open as one of the stations. Lunch will again be served in the pavilion by Uncle Willie's BBQ. The Haddam Historical Society will have a station that will address what life would have been like during the Civil War for a seventh grader. There was discussion.

The minutes from the meeting of March 3 were accepted as presented.

Tim talked about the continuing work on the Pavilion. The painting of the middle room has been completed. He demonstrated the new sink and water tank to be used as a rinse station for events. The electrical inspection is scheduled for Friday. The screens for privacy in the Pond room have been ordered. John Byrne has been working on reorganizing the Stone Barn. Tim also reported that the mowers have been refurbished, by more of our amazing volunteers and are ready for the season.

Peg reviewed the list of scheduled events for the Farm for the season. There was discussion.

Linda reported that so far 14 vendors are signed up for the Farmers Market. More have expressed interest in attending, but their paperwork is not in yet.

Bruce said that the Land Trust would like to use the Pond room for a display area during their picnic event on May 28. There was discussion.

Bruce reported that there are temporary signs up for the dog walkers. He hopes to have the new ones completed soon. He is working on a new trail signs, which he hopes to have completed soon.

Peg will work on the signs for the parking lot and the new golf cart which has arrived. She will send the golf cart sign design to all members. There was discussion.

Tim reported that the equipment for the Wi-Fi and security system has arrived. There was a discussion of security concerns on the Farm and the new system that will be installed.

Tim then discussed the venue for the remaining PFC meetings for this year there was discussion.

Linda Dudek moved that the PFC Meetings should be held at town hall December through March and at the Pond Room at the Farm from April to November. Seconded by Peg Scofield. Unanimously passed.

Tim noted that two pallets of brick pavers were donated to the Farm. There was discussion.

Tim then talked about the addendum to the Master Plan. There was discussion. Linda Dudek then reported that the Historical Society would like to move the corn crib (presently located at the Green Schoolhouse) to the Farm. Bruce pointed out that the corn crib had previously been located at town hall. There was lengthy discussion. Bruce, Bob and Tim will look to see where it might be located.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin

Secretary