

MINUTES

Meeting of Parmelee Farm Committee

Thursday May 9, 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

Guests: John Byrne and Jazzie Byrne

Tim opened the meeting and welcomed the guests at 7:00 p.m.

Jazzie Byrne gave an overview of her Girl Scout project. She will be doing a project promoting recycling. She will be making and demonstrating how to make small purses and bags out of plastic shopping bags. She plans to set up a booth at the Farmers Market to demonstrate her recycling skill and sell these items for the benefit of the farm. Additionally her father has made a number of very useful items of recycled materials, which will also be for sale. Her booth would be called "Parmelee Farm Gift Shop (run by Jazzie)". There was discussion.

Terry Doyle moved that the committee approve the Parmelee Farm Gift Shop run by Jazzie, seconded by Linda Dudek. Unanimously passed.

Tim mentioned that the bees in the beehive had swarmed and left. He spoke with Ben Chasse who informed that more bees will be arriving in mid-May.

The minutes from the Special Meeting held on April 14 were accepted as presented.

Tim reported that the electrical inspection of the pavilion had been completed and that several additional things have to be installed before it passes (tamper-proof receptacles and a GFI need to be installed in the Pond Room and a separate breaker). There was discussion.

Peg reviewed the calendar of scheduled events. There was discussion.

Linda Dudek reported that so far there are 19 vendors signed up for the Farmers Market – 15 of them will attend all 4 markets. There was discussion.

Peg then showed the committee the mock-ups of the signage for the parking lot and the golf cart. There was lengthy discussion. Bruce also showed the committee the wording for the sign for dog walkers.

Tim Gannon moved that the committee accept Peg's designs for the signs for the parking lot and the golf cart, seconded by Bruce Dodson. Unanimously passed.

Tim reported that he had inquired into the cost for the Wi-Fi for the security system that has arrived and has yet to be installed. There was lengthy discussion. Tim will make further inquiries.

Linda reported that the Historical Society will be moving the corn crib to the farm. There are more details to be worked out and she will keep the committee informed. There was discussion.

Terry Doyle moved that the corn crib should be located in the area that had been staked out in front of the Community Garden, seconded by Linda Dudek. Unanimously passed.

Tim then reported that the old section of the roof on the Stone Barn is leaky. He had gotten a price of \$1430 from Landon Lumber for the materials and an estimate of labor for removal and replacement of the new roof of \$1620 from R. J. Condon. He suggested that with next year's budget, the roof be replaced. John Byrne suggested that that cost might be reduced with some volunteer labor to help. There was discussion.

Terry Doyle moved to fix the roof of the Stone Barn for a cost not exceeding \$3200, seconded by Bruce Dodson. Unanimously passed.

Tim then reported that he is getting the scheduling done for the summer concert series. There was lengthy discussion.

Tim said that he would like to see a stage in place before the 350th town anniversary celebration in 2017. There was lengthy discussion. Committee members will bring design ideas to the next meeting.

Tim stated that the schoolhouse needs some work done. There was lengthy discussion. There will be more discussion at the next meeting

Tim reported that Jim Lally has donated top soil and grass seed for the dooryard. There was discussion.

Tim also reported that the town picnic will be held at the farm on Sept 2, 2017 to commemorate the 350th anniversary of Killingworth. There was discussion.

Robert Broach reported that he would like to plant a seedling from a large mimosa tree that had once stood on the property (before the parking lot was constructed). There was discussion.

Bruce Dodson moved to allow Robert Broach to plant the mimosa seedling at the farm, seconded by Peg Scofield. Passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin

Secretary.