

PARMELEE FARM COMMITTEE

May 8, 2017

Minutes

The Special Meeting of the Parmelee Farm Committee was called to order by Chairman Tim Gannon at 7:00 P.M. in the Pond Room at the Parmelee Farm.

The following members were present: Tim Gannon, Guy Vecchitto, Peg Scofield, Terry Doyle, Scott Hawkins, Bruce Dodson and Linda Dudek. Absent: Christine Cronin. Visitors: Greg Wind and Chris Solimene.

Terry moved to accept the minutes of the April 6th meeting; seconded by Guy. Motion carried unanimously.

Town Picnic: Greg Wind gave an update on the Town Picnic plans. Greg displayed aerial views of the parade route and farm that resident Scott Chasse prepared. Greg reported that ICRV radio will broadcast from the picnic. A brief discussion on location of the three Lion's Club tents took place. It was suggested that tents be erected near the Maple trees, the butterfly field and in the south field near the upper bridge. Greg spoke briefly about the farm market vendors and local organizations selling food items and merchandise in the pavilion. He noted that a large town dumpster would be brought to the farm. The Pond Room will be a first aid center and the town ambulance will be on-site. Tim suggested that Scott Chasse include the HKMS parking lot and pathways on the next aerial photos.

There was a brief discussion on lighting. Suggestions included spotlights on the back peak of the pavilion and spotlights (on stands) to be placed near the south field lower bridge.

Picnic musical entertainment will include a swing band and barbershop quartet.

Artful Living: Chris Solomine of Artful Living presented the committee with an idea for a historical production he would like to pursue for October. Chris explained the concept of a "Legend of Sleepy Hollow Walking Tour" that would be a lantern-guided walking tour on the farm that would follow the story line of Washington Irving's story. Guests would be asked to join in the search for Ichabod Crane and the event would include an old-fashioned barn dance and refreshments. This would be a fundraiser for Artful Living. Chris asked for the committee to consider his proposal for this event. The committee was enthusiastic about the program. Peg will contact A Place Called Hope to see if the October weekend calendar of events can be adjusted to accommodate both groups.

Peg presented the calendar of events. She noted that the bathrooms need thorough cleaning for the wedding to be held on Saturday. Terry will set up the portable sink.

Tim gave an update on the summer concert series. He needs sponsors for two concerts.

Bruce reported that he spoke to First Selectwoman Cathy Iino about the bid for the schoolhouse work. The bid information is on the Board of Selectmen's agenda this evening for approval. Tim suggested

holding a special meeting of the Farm Committee this Saturday if the bid package is approved by the Selectmen. The Farm Committee could then approve the bid package to allow for immediate posting.

Tim informed the committee that the Eagle Scouts have begun clearing invasive species around the pond and near the bridge by the pavilion.

Linda presented an update of the farm market. Many vendors still need to respond. The market sign has been set up (thank you Peg for ordering) and publicity has been sent to newspapers and the farm market trail website.

Guy has been working with students from HKMS to pick up sticks on the lawns, mulching around trees, filling pot holes in the parking lots and raking stones back into parking areas.

Tim reported that the drip irrigation system has been installed at the Shared Harvest Garden. He noted that resident Denise Slater has requested to make a community herb garden as part of her Master Gardener program. The herb garden will be placed near the Shared Harvest Garden.

Linda asked the committee opinion on a large sign announcing the town picnic for the 350th celebration to be placed at the farm. The committee was supportive, but suggested this sign be placed to the left of the house driveway. The committee also preferred the sign be placed at the farm for only the month prior to the picnic. Linda will report back to the 350th Committee and suggest the sign be placed at Recycle Way and then at the HK Middle School for June and July and then at the farm for August.

Tim presented the following expenditures for approval: gas line and sending unit on mower - \$305; kiosk Plexiglas repair - \$65; cleaning supplies - \$132; seed & fertilizer - \$325; golf cart tune up - \$200 for a total of \$1027 to be paid from the operating budget. Terry made a motion to pay the expenditures from the operating budget; seconded by Peg. There was no discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Peg moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Terry. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Dudek, Acting Secretary