

## MINUTES

### Meeting of Parmelee Farm Committee

Thursday July 6, 2017 – Parmelee Farm

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

Absent: Terry Doyle and Scott Hawkins

Guests: Nancy and Tom Keyes, Dawn Mooney, Greg Wind and Jim O'Brien

Tim opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. and welcomed the guests.

The minutes from the meeting from June 1 were approved as presented with the one addition that Terry Doyle was present at the meeting.

Greg Wind reported on the progress of the 350<sup>th</sup> celebration Town Picnic. The Keyes will work with the Boy Scouts to police the grounds and take care of the garbage and recycling. Jim O'Brien will be in charge of parking. The trooper has requested that there be twenty Lions assigned for the parade route cross streets. Shuttle buses will run every 30 from the various parking areas to the Farm. There was discussion as to how people will get their belongings in to the picnic area. A Tractor with a trailer will be arranged for, but only for carrying belongings not people. There will be 12 porta potties two on the south field and ten on the cement slab. The restroom building will not be open for this event. Four of the porta potties will be handicapped. There will be some temporary lighting installed in the south field and other places as necessary. The Lions will set up their tents the Wednesday before the picnic. Lions have bought a new corn dog machine and will sell corn dogs at the picnic. They will also have it at the August Farm Market. There was lengthy discussion of logistics and activities for the picnic.

Dawn Mooney then spoke to the Committee about coming up with a written plan for severe inclement weather when an event is going on in the pavilion, like a wedding. Jim MacDonald of the Fire Department will be consulted. There was discussion of possible need for evacuation of the building in case of tornado warnings and extreme lightning and thunder storms. Bruce Dodson will draft a paragraph and send it to Tim.

Peg then reviewed the schedule of events for the Farm.

Tim stated that the bids for the work on the Schoolhouse had been opened. They ranged from \$39,765 to \$68,000. There was lengthy discussion.

Bruce Dodson made a motion that the Committee not accept the bids that were submitted because they significantly exceed the Committee's budget, seconded by Guy Vecchitto. Unanimously passed.

Tim said that the work that needs to be concentrated on at the Schoolhouse is the structural work –the stonework for the foundation and the corner post beam that is compromised. Bruce will look into the stone for the foundation and someone to do the work and report back to the Committee.

Tim Gannon reported that the Eagle Scout project (the new bridge to the south field) is coming along. They said that they need three more work days for it. He also reported that the Stone bench has been installed by the pond.

Linda reported that there will be no bread at the Farm Market this week, but there will be a couple of new vendors and the Dog Adoption Event will go forward.

Linda also announced that the Farmhouse will be open on Wednesdays 11-2 during the months of August to October.

Tim said that the Clinton portable stage is going to be delivered to the property the last week of July, so it will be in place for the August 13 concert. The electricity for the back field for the stage is being installed next week. John Byrne has already constructed a box for it.

Tim also reported that the kiosk has become wobbly and John Byrne has temporarily stabilized it. There was discussion as to the location of the Kiosk. There was discussion. The consensus of the committee was that when the Kiosk is fixed it should be moved to a more prominent spot up by the parking lot.

Tim noted that a tree along the entrance driveway is rotted at the bottom. He will speak to the first Selectwoman to have the tree warden take a look at it.

Tim also said that the Farm had received a donation of a 1949 Farmall Cub tractor from Fred and Judy Martz, as well as a large amount of cut lumber which could possibly be used for flooring in the Schoolhouse.

Meeting adjourned 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin

Secretary