

MINUTES

Meeting of Parmelee Farm Committee

Thursday September 7, 2017 – Parmelee Farm

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

Absent: Terry Doyle

Guest: Julie Berman, John Byrne

Tim opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Committee first convened at the Schoolhouse to review the work done thus far on the stabilization of the building. John Byrne explained the recently installed stonework around the foundation. Then the Committee went into the building where John addressed the issue of what needs to be done for further stabilization of the building - replacement of rotten beams and installation of missing structural elements. John has had some beams fabricated locally that will do the job. They cost \$120. He also said that if the Committee is to go forward with the sheathing of the building in plywood, it should be done now, with all of the recent hurricane damage the availability will go down and the price will go up. The Committee then walked over to the Stone Barn to see the work done to stabilize the rotten beam by the old freezer unit. The Committee then adjourned to the Pond Room for the Meeting. John Byrne left the meeting.

Tim welcomed Julie Berman. She is a member of the Killingworth Refugee Resettlement Coalition. The group is planning to hold a square dance fundraiser at the Pavilion on the evening of September 29. Julie reviewed their plans for the event. It will run for 2 hours. There will be a caller and a fiddle band. There is minimal set up. Peg pointed out that there is a wedding the next day. There was discussion. Julie left the meeting.

The minutes from August 14 and August 28 were approved as presented.

Tim reported that the 350th picnic was a great success and well attended. Greg Wind's leadership in planning the event was great. There was discussion that while it was a successful event it would be better if it was not an annually. There was lengthy discussion.

Peg then reviewed the schedule of events for the rest of the fall. There will be dog obedience classes, Cub Scout event, the Sleepy Hollow Lantern Tour on Oct 13-15, and the Pumpkin carving among others. There was discussion.

Tim said that he was going to write an article for the Killingworth Krier hoping to interest more people to volunteer for mowing and maintenance and other jobs around the Farm. There was discussion.

Linda reported on the Farmers Market. This market there will be a Wellness Program - Jazzercise will be there as well as other health and wellness related groups. There will be a table for children to paint kindness rocks. And there will be a mini obstacle course for children. Tim said that the Farmers Market should come up with a budget so that individuals are not laying out their own money for supplies for the market. Linda said that they are going to buy a lawn bowling set for next year and that they will make a bean bag game. There was discussion.

Tim reported that the new spotlight at the end of the Pavilion works well. He also said that the repair of the beam in the Stone Barn made that additional area usable. He said that Killingworth arborist- Trees had taken down the dangerous tree along the driveway and done some other necessary tree trimming at a cost of \$500. The Eagle Scout project of the bridge from the south field to the pavilion has been completed. The other Eagle Scout Project of a bird hide is almost completed. They will both be deemed completed when the committee gets the final reports.

Tim then talked about the work needed to be done on the Schoolhouse. This would be the installation of new beams replacing the rotten ones, framing of the new handicapped door, replacing old beams that were not installed and fabricating new ones that are missing. Tim has gotten a price of \$1000 from Bill Cadley. There was discussion.

Bruce Dodson moved to do the repairs on the schoolhouse beams not to exceed \$1200, seconded by Linda Dudek. Unanimously passed.

Bruce Dodson moved to purchase the replacement beams for \$120 for the Schoolhouse, seconded by Linda Dudek. Unanimously oassed.

Bruce Dodson moved to approve an amount not to exceed \$1000 for the purchase of the plywood for the sheathing of the schoolhouse, seconded by Linda Dudek. Unanimously passed.

Tim said that the Farm is in need of a pole tree trimmer and a small chain saw to assist with maintenance. He has researched the pricing and they will soon be on sale.

Tim Gannon moved to approve the purchase of a pole tree trimmer and a small chain saw, not to exceed \$700, seconded by Linda Dudek. Unanimously passed.

Tim said that the Farm needs additional volunteer tee shirts that say "volunteer" on them. He moved to approve and amount not to exceed \$150 to purchase additional tee shirts, seconded by Bruce Dodson. Unanimously passed.

Bruce reported that he and Andy Anino had done work on the trails and they are in good shape.

Bruce stated that there is a need for more dog poop stations and bags. There was discussion. Bruce Dodson moved to approve an amount not to exceed \$400 to purchase additional poop stations and supplies, seconded by Linda Dudek. Unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin

Secretary

