

PARMELEE FARM COMMITTEE

Minutes

Special Meeting

January 8, 2018

The Special Meeting of the Parmelee Farm Committee was called to order at 7:06 P.M. in the Town Office Building meeting room by Chairman Tim Gannon. The following members were present: Tim Gannon, Guy Vecchitto, Scott Hawkins, Bruce Dodson, Terry Doyle and Linda Dudek. Absent: Christine Cronin and Peg Scofield. Guest: Chris Solimene.

Discussion on the building of a new barn to replace the "Old English Barn" took place. Tim spoke with the building inspector, who indicated that occupancy of the new building should not exceed 75 people due to what he expects would influence fire suppression systems and other building codes. Peg's plan was discussed, and many elements were liked, but the building might be too large. Tim showed the committee his suggestions for a building that had different dimensions, that were slightly larger than the existing concrete pad. There was discussion on use of the building, heating and cooling options and the site location.

Several building companies that specialize in post and beam construction were discussed. A field trip on Saturday, January 13, 2018 to Country Carpenter's in Hebron will take place. The following members indicated they will attend the field trip: Guy, Tim, Bruce, Scott and Terry. Tim has also asked John Byrne to attend. The group will meet at 10:00 A.M. at the farm to then depart for Hebron. We will need two people to drive.

The Operating and Capital Budgets were discussed. Tim is preparing the 2018-19 budget to submit to the Board of Selectmen. Tim will get estimates on the pavilion roof which will need attention in the future. Nails used in the roof are being loosened as the metal panels shift in the wind. Tim will request estimates on repair of the existing roof if repair is feasible and also roof replacement.

Tim reported on a possible Sugar House. He will look for grant opportunities for funding.

The new rule for having dogs on leash at the farm was discussed. It was noted that there have been several comments from the public about this. Most individuals are supportive of having dogs leashed. One resident requested a relaxing of the rule to allow dogs off leash prior to 9:00 A.M. After discussion, it was decided not to change the rule: dogs must be leashed at all times on the farm. Bruce will be changing the signage at the farm to reflect the rules.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Dudek, Acting Secretary