

Parmelee Farm Committee
Minutes of Special Meeting

Parmelee Farm

May 7, 2018

Present: Christine Cronin, Linda Dudek, Bruce Dodson, Terry Doyle, Tim Gannon, Scott Hawkins, Peg Scofield and Guy Vecchitto

Guests: John Byrne, Jim MacDonald and Cassie Sodergren

Tim called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The Committee met in the schoolhouse where John Byrne reviewed the progress of the work that has been done on the building this spring and that which needs to be done. John pointed out that the total expenditure for the work on the School House has come in below any of the previous bids, due to all of the volunteer work. This includes installation of the new windows and doors and the new Boral siding. There was lengthy discussion of the flooring and it was decided to use the pine boards that were donated and to leave them a natural color with a urethane finish. There was additional discussion of the ramp for the back door and the stone steps for the front.

The Committee then moved to the Pond Room for the remainder of the meeting.

Jim MacDonald spoke to the Committee about the installation of a drafting water basin in the Parmelee pond. This will provide a year round water source for the fire department. There was lengthy discussion as to its placement and how it works. Peg Scofield moved to support the installation of the drafting basin for fire protection at the Farm, seconded by Linda Dudek. Unanimously passed.

Tim updated the Committee on the fundraising for the Sugar House. All of the maple leaves have been sold for a total of \$7,000. He and John Byrne have made 260 more leaves which will be available as they finish them. The Killingworth Foundation has awarded a grant to the Farm \$882 to purchase the bottler and filler. The check will be presented to Tim on May 17. Tim will be applying to the Middlesex Foundation for the money to purchase the evaporator when their grant season opens in September. The building will be started shortly and should be operational for next sugaring season.

Peg reviewed the events calendar for the year. The patio is on hold for now.

Linda reported the plans for the September Artisan Market are progressing. So far there are 32 vendors that have signed up. She will keep the Committee updated.

Tim gave an update on the Chris Sacchi Eagle Scout project bridge. It is completed and the plaque has been installed. Chris has given the Committee a check for \$601.78 to be used for the Sugar House. This represents surplus funds that he raised for the construction of the bridge. Tim also reported that Sue Davenport, the Lions Citizen of the Year, has donated her prize of \$500 to the Farm

Tim said that Paul Pitts had asked him if there was a scout project at the Farm. There was lengthy

discussion. Tim said he would tell Paul that the scouts could replace the section of the fencing that was destroyed in the winter storms.

There was additional discussion on the flooring to be installed in the School House. Terry Doyle moved that the Committee should use the donated pine with a urethane finish and approves an amount of up to \$750 to purchase additional wood as needed and supplies for the installation.. Seconded by Peg Scofield. Unanimously passed. There was a lengthy discussion as to whether to leave the lathe or remove it. Tim Gannon moved to leave the lathe up and remove the plaster. Terry Doyle seconded. Passed unanimously. There was additional discussion about the School House projects yet to be completed; Tim will contact Jim Lally who has promised to do the ramp for the Handicap Assisted entrance at the rear of the schoolhouse. For the front steps there are rocks located on the Farm that can be used. Tim will contact Steve Schultz for a quote for the work. He will also get several other quotes. There was also discussion of the signage for the School House.

Tim said that the town crew will be unavailable to chip the brush that was left after the winter storms. There was lengthy discussion, Bruce Dodson moved to approve up to \$1600 to have Ethan Drain come and chip up the brush. Seconded by Terry Doyle. Unanimously passed.

Tim said there has continued to be problems with people not having their dogs leashed. He will see that something is put in the Krier about it. There was discussion.

Resident Cassie Sodergren has expressed an interest if volunteering her time to assist the committee in helping out where needed. Peg asked her to assist with handling the community garden, which she agreed to do, as well as other positions where there is need.....thanks Cassie for volunteering.

Meeting adjourned 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin
Secretary