

PARMELEE FARM COMMITTEE

June 7, 2018-Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Parmelee Farm Committee was called to order by Chairman Tim Gannon at 7:00 p.m. in the Pine Orchard Schoolhouse at the farm.

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

Flooring finish options for the school were discussed. Bruce made the motion to have John finish the flooring with satin finish polyurethane; seconded by Peg. Motion passed unanimously. Thank you John, Ernie and Tim for completing the flooring.

Tim would like substantial front steps at the front entrance to the school for safety. There was a brief discussion.

Tim has received some initial quotes from Steve Schultz for stone wall repair in front of the school as follows: 40' long x 3' high and 3' wide and 10' long x 3' high and 3' wide . This would require the committee to have the site prepared which would include grading the area and providing a trench with crushed stone as a base. Tim will seek additional quotes from other stonewall workers.

The meeting reconvened in the Pond Room of the farm.

Tim noted the security cameras are not working due to the recent storms. He is working on this issue.

Tim reported that another batch of "leaves" for the sugar house funding have been prepared. The total money raised for the project to date is \$10,137 which includes the Youth & Family Grant of \$250.00 and the Killingworth Foundation Grant of \$885.00. Tim is hopeful that the building will be constructed by the end of next month.

Peg presented a list of events for this year. Linda noted that the Artisan Market has forty vendors and several food trucks that have sent in applications and fees to date.

Tim and volunteers worked with an employee of DrainScapes to chip the brush piles at the farm. The total for this work was \$1500.00. Bruce Fagan submitted a bill of \$1500.00 for tree work caused by the storms. Both of these bills were approved prior to the work being done. The committee is frustrated with the lack of support with maintenance on the farm from the town crew. The Town of Killingworth owns the property and while we have been extremely fortunate to have many volunteers, it seems unfair that the committees' pleas for assistance are ignored. A discussion on this problem ensued.

Kevin Gorman will be repairing the garden fencing that was torn down from the storms. Kevin will charge only for his laborer and not his own time to complete the repairs.

Tim noted that the Town of Clinton Highway Department delivered the portable stage for the concerts. Jazzy Byrne will be selling drinks and snacks during the Car Cruise and concerts. She raised \$327.00 last year in her sales of farm related items. Thank you, Jazzy!

A discussion on the steps for the schoolhouse took place. Bruce thought large granite stones would be more appropriate for the building. Linda agreed to contact Jim Lally for suggestions.

Tim said that two of the mowers have needed repairs. He noted that some money from Capitals should be put toward a zero turn commercial mower that would be appropriate for the amount of use needed at the farm.

There was a brief discussion on volunteer community service hours.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Dudek
Acting Secretary