

Parmelee Farm Committee

Minutes of Meeting

Town Hall

March 7, 2019

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

Absent: Linda Dudek

Tim called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. .

The minutes for the meetings of January 3 and February 18 were accepted as presented.

Tim reported that Walt Adametz had asked if the Middlesex Farm Bureau could host their tasting of maple syrup program at the Parmelee Farm Sugar House on March 10. They would be providing their own sap. There was discussion. Terry Doyle moved to wave the fee for this single event, seconded by Guy Vecchitto. Unanimously passed.

Bruce Dodson left the meeting due to illness.

Peg reviewed the updated Schedule of Events for the Farm. There was discussion.

Tim reported that the 80 vendor spots for the September Artisan Fair have been filled. There was discussion. Scot brought up the fact that this is going to be a very big event and perhaps it might require portable toilets. There was discussion. This topic will be discussed at a future meeting.

There was discussion of the latest revision of the Addendum to the Parmelee Farm Master Plan dated January 3, 2019. Terry Doyle moved to accept this revision and have it added to the original Master Plan, seconded by Guy Vecchitto. Unanimously passed.

Tim reported that so far this season the Sugar House has processed 800 gallons of sap. They have sold 240 bottles of syrup(144 12 oz. & 96 8 oz.)

Tim said that the BOS had agreed to make the recommendation to repair the roof of the Pavilion with a new standing seam roof. The job will go to Quality Roofing. Quality Roofing has agreed that the price for the replacement will be as in the bid with no additions. The line items from the Farm Budget for the last two years and the coming year for rock wall repairs will go toward the funding of the new roof. There was discussion as to the timing of the construction so as not to interfere with already scheduled events. The best dates for the construction will be Monday July 29 to Friday August 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin
Secretary