

# PARMELEE FARM COMMITTEE

## Minutes

March 5, 2020

The regular meeting of the Parmelee Farm Committee was called to order at 7:00 pm in the town hall meeting room. The following members were present: Tim Gannon, Terry Doyle, Guy Vecchitto, Peg Scofield and Linda Dudek. Absent: Chris Cronin, Bruce Dodson and Scott Hawkins.

Minutes from the January 17<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting were accepted as presented.

Tim explained that he had received a mini grant of \$250.00 to purchase T-shirts for students helping with at the sugar house. This is the H-K Middle School Sugaring Club which was formed this year. He noted that the first state wide open house for sugar houses will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Parmelee Sugar House will participate in the event. Tim reported that the maple syrup production has been going well. He expects to continue with good production and plans to have bottles for the Artisan Market. Tim has used some of the profits to purchase a vacuum pump to aid in extracting sap from the trees.

Tim reported that the doors to the Pond Room and the stone barn will be repainted. The town will pay for the painting costs happening in the spring.

Tim has arranged for three bands to perform during the summer concert series and hopes to book the fourth band soon.

Information for a small greenhouse was circulated. Mary Solera has requested the greenhouse for the Shared Harvest Garden. John Byrne and volunteers will place the greenhouse inside the Shared Harvest Garden area. Pavers that have been stored by the stone barn will be used for base of the greenhouse. Mary has received \$400.00 for seeds & plants from the Lion's Club and will also apply to the Killingworth Foundation for financial assistance. After a brief discussion, Terry moved to use some of the Parmelee Activity funds \$1,120.00 to cover the cost of the greenhouse with the funds to be returned if sufficient financial support is received from the Killingworth Foundation; seconded by Guy. Motion carried unanimously. It was noted that Mary has also received \$1000.00 in grant funds to build raised beds for the Shared Harvest Garden this year and several bee colonies will also donated and replaced.

Linda requested a vote of the committee to support the Historical Society pursuing the construction of a barn behind the KHS garage. She explained that the barn would be used for the hearse, wagon and numerous farm related items the Society has acquired as well as KHS events. If the farm committee supports the barn project, the Society will choose a barn or plan and seek permission from the Town to allow the barn project. Terry moved that the Parmelee Farm Committee support the Historical Society to construct a barn for Historical Society use; seconded by Peg. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim asked for a vote to purchase new door locks for the rest rooms to change them to the push button coded ones (like on the Stone Barn) to eliminate some keys. Tim said the locks are approximately \$100.00 each and need two locks. Total cost of \$200. Terry moved to purchase the two locks; seconded by Guy. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim will notify members of a special meeting to be held soon to formulate a policy for Parmelee Activity funds.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Dudek, Acting Secretary