

Parmelee Farm Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Parmelee Farm
April 7, 2022

Present: Lise Brule, Christine Cronin, Terry Doyle Linda Dudek, Tim Gannon, Scott Hawkins, David Hyman, Peg Scofield and Guy Vecchitto

Guests: Mike Greenaway, Brianna Hill(Regional School District 17), Ken Wodatch(KHS), Andy Annino and Stuart Clark(Killingworth Land Conservation Trust

Scott opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed the guests.

Andy Annino stated that he and Stuart Clark had come to the meeting on behalf of the Land Conservation Trust.(LCT) He said that they were not in agreement with that the work that was done on the trails in the fall. They felt that there were better ways to do the trail improvement. Scott replied that there had been numerous attempts to liaise with the LCT regarding trail improvement over the last couple of years. However, the LCT had not shown the Committee much interest in doing this. Scott spoke about meeting with Dave Gumbart last year with the plans the committee had with the Blue Trail(Parmelee Trail) and Dave agreed to have LCT help with improvements. There were 2 weekends of volunteer trail work last fall. Scott also stated that the upkeep of the trails is important since it is town property and there is a need to make the trails accessible the different people that patron the farm and use the trails. Peg added that the trails at Parmelee are gems. There was lengthy discussion regarding the trails and their maintenance and improvement. It was stated that the LCT is putting together a trails crew which will be headed by Tim Elliot. Going forward there will be more communication between PFC and the LCT regarding trail maintenance.

Brianna Hall said she was the Director of Operations from RSD 17. They are planning an event at the Farm on June 23-24. There will be approximately 25 in attendance. She stated that she will be the event manager for this and all RSD 17 events at the Farm. There was discussion as to the specifics of the event. Scott will meet with her to give her instruction for being an event manager.

The minutes from the meeting on March 3 were accepted with the following corrections: the fifth paragraph should start with "Peg" not "Linda" and in the ninth paragraph it should read "Todd Peterson" not "Todd Peterman".

Ken Wodatch reported that the contract for the construction of the KHS barn has been signed with Country Carpenters and the contract with Schumack Engineered Construction is being finalized. The paperwork is going to Town Hall on Friday. Hopefully the construction of the barn will be on the calendar for September. There was lengthy discussion of the relocation of the old garage. Peg Scofield made a motion to move the garage to the north of the farmhouse, seconded by Linda Dudek. Motion passed.

Peg reported on the 3 estimates that she has received for the removal of the old concrete pad and the site work. There was discussion. She will go back to two of the companies and ask for more specifics and ask if the prices include screened topsoil.

Linda has spoken to Mike Milano Jr. about installing a French drain by the Butterfly Garden. There was discussion. She will get a quote from him.

Tim said that he would contact Ethan Drain and Mike Milano Jr. to get a cost on doing the grading and seeding in front of the rebuilt rock walls north of the Pavilion.

Linda reported that the Walton memorial will be April 30. She is working with the family.

Tim reported that there have been 2 requests for memorial benches with plaques - one for Gary Norton and one for Steven Zichichi...Tim will get back to the families with the cost. Tim made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 benches @\$250 each, seconded by Terry Doyle. Unanimously passed.

Tim said he will check with the mowers to see if any of them know how to change the oil on the mowers. He will check with Rob formerly from True Value who has started his own business, to see if he would be interested in maintaining the equipment at the Farm.

Scott said he will not be around for the Coast Guard concert on June 25. Tim said the car show and concerts have not been finalized yet. They are usually on the second Sunday of the month. Tim also reported that the Sugar House made \$7200 in sales of maple syrup this year. He will purchase supplies in May when they go on sale. Kathy Zandi has contacted Tim. She wants to purchase 3 sugar maples for the Farm. Scott said the bathroom cleaning will begin before the event on April 30.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin
Secretary