

Parmelee Farm Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Parmelee Farm
May 4, 2023

Present: Lise Brule, Christine Cronin, Tim Gannon, Mike Greenaway, Scott Hawkins, Peg Scofield and Guy Vecchitto

Absent: Terry Doyle, Linda Dudek and Karen Milano

Guest: Eileen Blewett

Scott opened the meeting at 7 p.m. and welcomed the guest. Minutes approved as presented. Tim made a motion to place a memorial bench for Harvey Edelstein at the overlook, seconded by Scott. Unanimously passed.

Scott reported that the Board of Finance has cut the operating budget for the Farm to \$10,000. That is a cut of \$2650. It was mentioned that other town volunteer committees do not have to self fund. There was lengthy discussion.

Scott said there is still some planning to do for the proposed road in from the middle school to the south field. He will speak to contractors interested in the project. It was suggested that a special meeting should be called to have a discussion at the site with Mike Milano(as consultant) so that the Committee can hear all of the options at the site. There should be a proposed plan before it is presented to the Board of Ed.

Scott also reported that the sandwich board signs need to be replaced. Tim will contact the company that made them before and have new ones made. Peg will look into metal replacements for the dog waste station signs.

Scott will also contact Andrew Pighills about continuing stone wall restoration projects to begin with pathway from farmhouse to schoolhouse as well as wall between sugarhouse and middle school path.

Eileen reported that a number of activities have been scheduled. There was discussion of the procedure for return of deposit checks, staffing of events, bathroom cleaning schedules and purchasing of bathroom cleaning supplies. There was discussion.

Scott reported that the memorial bench plaque will be ready sometime next week. He will contact Dave Gumbart to handle placement. Also that the electrical work for the KHS barn has been completed. The staining of the building will, happen next month. The KHS is planning an open house on June 16th at the new barn.

Scott said he received a letter from the Killingworth Ambulance Assoc. advising that the old AED(defibrillator) will be replaced with new one. They would like to train some of

the volunteers to use it. There was discussion. Scott will talk to them about choosing a couple of dates for the training and all volunteers will be emailed.

Scott reported that the Chamber has said they would sponsor 2 concerts not 4 this year.(Aug. and Sept. only). There was discussion that they will no longer sponsor the Pumpkin Carving. There was further discussion. Tim said that the bands charge \$500. Chris Cronin moved that the PFC should sponsor the June and July concerts, seconded by Tim. Unanimously passed. There was further discussion that Peg will do a banner to be put up the week before each event.

Peg also brought up the fact that the lighting from the stone barn to the parking lot should be upgraded. There are areas that are very dark at night. She will speak to Shore Electric and invite them to a PFC meeting to discuss this.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin
Secretary