Parmelee Farm Committee Minutes of Meeting Parmelee Farm September 7, 2023

Present: Lise Brule, Christine Cronin, Terry Doyle, Linda Dudek, Tim Gannon, Scott Hawkins, Karen Milano and Guy Vecchitto

Absent: Mike Greenaway and Peg Scofield

Guests: Eileen Blewett, Eric Couture and Greg Wind

Scott opened the meeting 7:00 pm and welcomed the guests. The minutes from August were accepted as presented. Scott gave a financial report that the operating budget and that the activity fund are trending historically for this time of year. Activity Fund projects, Stonewall rebuilding, landscaping, lighting and pavilion sidewalls projects are underway or in planning stages. Scott is still awaiting communication with RSD17 in regards to the South Field Access Road Project for approval of property access and begin planning process.

Linda reported that the Artisan Fair committee is ready for this Saturday. The site plan has been marked...there are spaces for 100 vendors.(there is a lengthy wait list). There was lengthy discussion of the transportation, set up, volunteers and parking. Scott stated that this event puts Killingworth on the map as one of the top markets in the state and recognized Linda Dudek, Karen Milano, Peg Scofield and Greg Wind for their outstanding commitment and dedication to showing the Killingworth Community how volunteerism works.

Lise reports that Shared Harvest had good production this year due to good weather. They have held their last market and all produce from now on will go to Helping Hands.

Eileen reported that there are 4 more weddings scheduled for this year and only one on the books for 2024. There was discussion of adding more people to the list of event management. Eileen said that she has had some people show interest and she has made a list. It was decided that these interested parties should come to a PFC meeting. There was also discussion of having a cleaning service available for hire after events. No decisions were made.

Tim reported that the final Car Cruise and concert will be Sunday September 10. He also reported that the Pumpkin Carving will be held on Saturday October 21. This will be discussed in more detail at the October meeting.

Linda Dudek reported that the KES 3rd grade is going to have an event at the farm on October 17. It will involve about 70 people(children, parents and teachers) They will be using the schoolhouse. Linda asked if they could install a black board in the schoolhouse. It is an original one from one of the schoolhouses in town. The Committee said ok. The teachers at KES want to make this an annual event. The Farmhouse will be open as well as the new Barn. There was discussion.

Linda said that it was time to update the Master Plan. It was decided that this will be discussed at the meeting in October. Scott said he has a submitted a summary of the projects completed in 2022 to Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned 7:59 pm

Respectfully submitted

Christine Cronin Secretary