

Parmelee Farm Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Town Hall February 6, 2025

Present: Eileen Blewett, Christine Cronin, Terry Doyle, Linda Dudek, Tim Gannon,
Richard Pleines, Peg Scofield, Guy Vecchitto and Ken Wodatch

Absent: Karen Milano

Tim called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. and welcomed the three new members to the Committee. The minutes from January 2 were accepted as presented.

Peg discussed the fact that Chair and Vice Chair had not been elected at the January meeting. She said that after much thought and having spoken with Tim. Tim would be willing to serve again as Chair for a period of 6 months with her as Vice Chair. In 6 months a new Chair and Vice Chair would be elected. There was lengthy discussion. Guy nominated Tim to serve as Chair for 6 months, seconded by Terry Doyle. Tim was elected unanimously. Tim Gannon nominated Peg Scofield to serve as Vice Chair, seconded by Linda Dudek. Peg was unanimously elected unanimously.

Peg then discussed that operation of the Farm is huge job and to make it less onerous on the Chair if Committee members take on various areas of responsibilities. There was lengthy discussion about what is involved in the various tasks and they were assigned as follows:

- Utilities - Linda
- Sanitation - Eileen
- Security - Tim
- Buildings - Ken and Richard
- Grounds - Chris and Tim
- Equipment - Terry and Richard(Jesse when necessary)
- Trails - Karen and Guy
- Correspondence- Chris, Peg, Karen and Linda

Linda suggested that a cleanup day should be planned for early spring. The attic in the Stone Barn needs a good cleaning. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

There was discussion on the bid that has been received for the curtains for the Pavilion. Tim has a box of materials that Scott gave him and he will check to see if it contains information re color choices, samples of the materials etc. It was noted that the bid came in lower than expected. Peg made a motion to accept the bid and pay for it out of the Parmelee Farm Activities Account, seconded by Terry Doyle. Unanimously passed. Peg said that she will take over handling of the Pavilion curtain project and communicate with the BOS and BOF.

Peg, Linda and Eileen will see that the parking lot markers are moved before the storm comes on Saturday so that the lot can be plowed.

Eileen reported that a person in town wants to donate bee keeping equipment to the Farm, so she has contacted Lise Brule. Youth and Family Services will be holding a concert in May and Summer Solstice on 6/20. They have also told her that they would like to do an obstacle course event (which has been previously held in Haddam) at the Farm. It was suggested they be

invited to attend the April Meeting to discuss their plans. There was further discussion of the events on the calendar for this year.

Linda reported that the Artisan Market is full and there will be 10 new vendors this year including a cheese vendor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin
Secretary