

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

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

Tim called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He reported that he, Eileen and Peg had met with one of the selectmen to discuss the budget. There was discussion.

Peg reported that the Pavilion curtain project is on hold for now. The BOS has been advised that this project would come out of the Activities Account. It was suggested that all Committee members go and look at the pavilion at the Westbrook Elks Club before the next meeting. There was discussion.

Farm updates were as follows:

Linda reported that Turnbridge will loan a 6 person golf cart for the Artisan Fair saving \$750 dollars. The Lions Club will again handle the parking.

Tim said that the Sugar House will start bottling and selling syrup this week.

Richard said he will be looking at the HVAC system and report back at the next meeting.

The Community Garden is now being handled by Tina Garmaise, Mary is writing 2 grants for the Shared Harvest Garden.

Karen reported that Terry has rebuilt the Little Library.

Tim said that there was someone at the Farm this week looking at water. Linda will investigate. She also said it was time for the fire extinguisher inspection. Tim said that a defibrulator box is in the stone barn but no defibrillator. Peg will ask the Ambulance Association about this.

Ken reported that the downspouts on the Pavilion need replacing. He will handle that.

Eileen reported the following on Sanitation - The septic was pumped in 2022. Should we have it checked?...there was discussion and it was decided to get a price for an inspection..and that it should, in fact, be checked every year. She reported that all restroom supplies have been purchased. The dog station bags have been ordered. There was discussion.

Karen reported that she has been in touch with Stu Clark and Andy Anino and they have been taking care of fallen trees on the trails.

Eileen reviewed the events for the coming season. Youth and Family Services is going to be adding several events to the calendar. So far there are 8 parties and 4 weddings scheduled. There was lengthy discussion.

Eileen said that she has been in touch with Youth and Family Services....they are hoping to start a program for the community service requirement with incoming freshmen. There was lengthy discussion as to how this would be helpful at the Farm. She also brought up the fact that the Pavilion floor needs to be power washed. She will contact Jesse to figure out how to accomplish this.

It was noted that the Lions' closet holding the tables and chairs needs to be cleaned out. And that there needs to be a procedure in place to keep said tables and chairs clean. Guy said he would bring this up to the Lions.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin
Secretary