

CCFM Advisory Board Meeting- Wednesday, April 16, 2025

In attendance; Tony Richardson, Jane Sewell, Commissioner Joe Vigliotti, Judy Fortin, Dawn Thomas, Ted McNett, Gabe Zepp, Beverly Humbert, Tom Gordon Jr. & Emily Miller

Meeting called to order by Tony Richardson at 9:30am

Approval of the March minutes- moved by Ted McNett and seconded by, Beverly Thomas.

Event Update- Dana Wachter

- Civil War re-enactments next weekend, April 26 & 27
- Veteran's celebration the following weekend, 5/4- Free admission, honorary veteran's wall, music and good sponsorships
- 5/17 & 5/18- Blacksmith Days. Ted and his team will be providing live demos for attendees.
- Poly- all years- reunion the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend
- Common Ground festival the following weekend
- 6/8- Food Truck festivals. Bands and retail have been booked.

Manager's Report- Jane Sewell

- Fencing is going up around the construction area by pavilion. So far, no complaints have been made by organizations renting our grounds/facilities.
- Pavilion is now expected to be finished by the middle/end of July.
- Water main break last week has been repaired
- Jack & Jim have returned to the property- spent the Winter at the Shirleys' farm.
- Hoff Barn committee have purchased 2 short-horns from New Hampshire farm and they are residing at the Shirley farm. Their names are Sid & Hardy. Elaine Shirley has been working with them.
- Two lambs have arrived- 12 weeks old and on loan from High Ridge Farm. Very cute and friendly (Alice & Flo).
- Goats are doing well- Judy, Peggy & Jane have been working with them.
- Gerstell is coming next Wednesday and we expect 450 visitors (kids and adults). Will be closed to the public for that day.
- Update on the Mill project- the site was surveyed yesterday and we will be ready to go once we get the plans. This project will move quickly. Will be handled in house by maintenance and with assistance from CCCTC students.

- Wood-fired brick oven is almost finished- has been constructed by the CCCTC students. Will be a nice addition for camps this Summer.
- Camp- 2 weeks are completely full. Registration has been strong. Mini camps have been successful. Mackenzie continues to do a good job with the camps and has turned down our offer of a full-time position.
- Joe has resigned from the caretaker position- his last day will be Friday. He is an independent contractor, not an employee. There is a candidate interested in the position. The candidate is a full-time employee of Rec and Parks at this time. Will be responsible for weekends, opening and closing the property. The apartment will need to be repainted and repaired between tenants.
- Flag Day- Boy Scouts will not be doing the ceremony this year because the date falls on a Saturday. We will have board picnic on Wednesday, June 11, 2025.
- Friday 6/13- Volunteer recognition event at 2pm.

Planning Report- Tony Richardson

- Sharon & Ted are working on getting in touch to coordinate student involvement for the garden maintenance tasks. Volunteer hours are available.
- He is in touch with Bartlett to inquire re: Deer repellent spray.
- TBD on when replacement tree will be planted.

Commissioner Report- Joe Vigliotti

- All updates pertaining to County funding and projects were addressed by Jane in her report to the board.
- Commissioners continue to fight the Piedmont project/ MPRP.

New Business-

- Beverly has been researching the history of the Almshouse and has located a video regarding produced by a professor at the college. It has been uploaded to YouTube.
- Beverly inquired as to whether the CCFM is working on event to celebrate the 250th anniversary. Jane advised that the main event for the Farm Museum will be 4th of July.

Meeting was called to a close at 10:35am by Tony Richardson, and seconded by Judy Fortin.