

**BROOKSIDE FARM MUSEUM
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 24, 2023**

Present: Robert Seifel. Chairman
Maggi Prokop
Cheri Meier
Richard MacDonald

Also Present: Donna Massung, President of the Friends
Annah Perch. Curator
Dan Cunningham, Ex officio

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I. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Seifel called the May 24, 2023 Brookside Farm Museum Meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Mr. Seifel asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the Brookside Farm Museum Regular Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2023.

MOTION (1): Ms. Meier moved to approve the April 26, 2023 Brookside Farm Museum Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Ms. Prokop. (3-0) Unanimous.

III. REPORTS

- a. Agenda Additions. There were no additions to the agenda.
- b. Public Delegations. Ms. Massung reported spring cleaning has been done. The rugs in the dining room, the two runners and the children's room have been cleaned.
- c. Ex-Officio. Mr. Cunningham informed the Commission that a proposal for the Darrow Pond area has been submitted by the subcommittee of Parks and Recreation Commission. A proposal will be made to the Board of Selectmen on June 13. The subcommittee has been discussing picnic areas, outdoor classrooms, a birding and wildlife area, trails and disc golf.

He stated land in Bridebrook Park has been set aside to build pickleball courts. There is much demand for pickleball courts.

The Charter Revision Commission has discussed increasing the term of office for the First Selectman from two to four years. Discussion has been held on eliminating an automatic referendum because of its cost.

Commission member Richard MacDonald joined the meeting.

- d. Curator. (See attached report).
- e. Chairman. Mr. Seifel had nothing new to report.
- f. Financial

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (2): Ms. Prokop moved to adjourn the May 24, 2023 Brookside Farm Museum Regular Meeting at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Meier. (3-0) Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ghersi, Recording Secretary

Curators Report 5.24.23

Began to organize files and read through them to better understand organizational history

Took over Facebook page, began social media outreach

Designed flyer for upcoming events

Wrote grant for collection assessment from CHLO

Researched grants

Met with Senior Center

Wrote to possible community partners to get conversations started

Met with Parks and Rec re deferred maintenance of periphery of property

Made appointment to meet with Marjorie Meekoff re Pollinator Pathway and defunct EL Garden Club

Will be meeting with Historic Society and Town Historian on Saturday morning and again following week

Took field trip to Dudley Farm in North Guilford and to Coogan Farm in Mystic for research