Williams Barn Committee

December 7, 2022

Minutes

Meeting opened: 4:03

Attending: May Brackett, Chris Darling, Steve Woodin, Sandra Tobies, Matt Novak, Bob Kniffen, Bruce Easom, Joe Twomey, Chris Furcolo

Last meeting’s minutes were approved.

Accounts payable approved the port-a-potty, the Thanksgiving Market police detail, the electric bill, and the Brad Smith Memorial Raffle.

The committee discussed the Thanksgiving Market. Everyone agreed the parking went well, but found the police detail to be unnecessary. The raffle went well, with most customers spending upwards of $20 on tickets. While cider and donuts were popular, it was noted that due to the price, we were unable to break even. It was suggested that we should instead accept donations and leave the amount up to the customer. This was voted on and passed by unanimous vote.

Steve informed the committee of various repairs needed around the barn: he pointed out rotting wood on the front of the barn, two temporary joists within the barn supporting split beams, a corner of the basement that is completely rotten, and several trim pieces that are falling off. It was noted that in order to receive a grant for these repairs, the committee would need to contact the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Attending this meeting was potential member Chris Furcolo, who just bought the property next to the William’s Barn, which sparked his interest in joining the committee. Members of the committee introduced themselves and talked about their roles. The committee made a unanimous vote to suggest the Select Board appoint Chris as a member. May will reach out to the appropriate parties.

Destination Groton sent an email about writing a description of the committee. May said that she had already replied to the email about said description.

Due to the dire financial situation, the committee briefly discussed fundraising ideas, including mail-in donations, rentals, increasing the vendor price, including more popular vendors, and introducing a greater variety of vendors. It was decided this discussion would be tabled for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be taking place on January 4th at 4pm in the Groton Public Library.

Meeting adjourned 5:04pm