

## Goshen Farm Preservation Society

### Meeting Notes July 18, 2012

The July meeting was held in the Cox Room CSC Clubhouse without a Quorum. In attendance were Board Members Barbara Morgan and Sharon Biondi. Members present were Nicole Neboshynsky, Becky Benner, Roy Benner, Patty Feldt, Doug McClellan, Michael Buchet, and Lou Biondi

June Minutes were reviewed.

Under 5.New Business b) Change... “planted a butterfly bush.” to ... “planted a butterfly garden”.

Becky had a question related to not understanding financials for memberships, but this will wait until the August meeting when Karen can clarify.

#### 1. Committee Reports-

- a. Finances- Karen - As Submitted – Checking account -\$1,616.87, Savings Account \$23,126.79 for a total of \$24,743.66

The last of the Kayak Raffle Tickets were sold at the St Margaret’s Church Joust. Ticket stubs were counted and there were a total of 496 stubs. A call was made to the winner, Dani Snyder of Cape St. Claire, and the kayaks were delivered to Dani by Roy and Becky Benner.

- b. Building/Maintenance- Nick -Report submitted late.

- i. The last Prep Day was spent removing a downed tree limb and repairing the perimeter fence that was damaged. This was to be the prep and power washing day but due to the storm, there was no electricity to run the well.

In the interim Roy has completed the pre power washing/ painting projects that were to be completed on the last prep day: repaired and replaced soffits, fascia and rafters on both front porch and side porch, replaced side porch pillars and repaired stucco, missing stucco material and caulked all remaining stucco cracks.

Date for Pressure washing is Saturday, July 28, 2012. Michael Buchet is providing one power washer and Nick Neboshynsky is providing another. It was suggested that bleach could be used in the power washing mix. Barbara will check with Jane Cox (MA RPA) to make sure this is allowed by MHT. Plastic sheeting is needed and something to cover Hydrangea bushes. Small crew needed. Nick will give crew a starting time.

Date for painting the Main House is Saturday, August 4, 2012 (rain date is August 5<sup>th</sup>). On that day 3 windows need to be completed and the rest and flues covered before spray painting. There will also be some brush and roller work needed on some parts of the house. Large crew needed.

- ii. Stu is coordinating the Building Committee meeting so we can have preapproval by MHT for all work planned for the Main House. Nick is not available for meeting August 8<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>.
        - iii. Nicole is continuing work on getting the Wal-Mart Foundation Grant. Doug McClellan would be willing to work on Grant applications. Nicole will e-mail him a list of possible grants available.
        - iv. Sharon will pursue Termite Treatments by Annapolis Pest Control.
- c. Membership - See report attached.
- d. Communication – John - See report attached. Nicole will forward John a list of publications for announcing GFPS events (some of these require 3 months’ notice).
- e. Sharing Garden – Report submitted late.
  - i. Nicole will recontact CSCUMC to obtain the September 22, 2012 date for their hall and kitchen for the Sharing Garden Dinner. She will need volunteers for making the spaghetti sauce and meatballs. She hopes to get store donations for the bread, butter, plates, plastic ware, table clothes, additional salad fixings, ground beef, etc. Other than the spaghetti, meatballs, sauce, and drinks, all other foods will be potluck. There will be two seatings (5pm and 7pm). Tickets will cost \$5. (Barbara will send out Nicole’s report on needs for dinner to all those who attended meeting.)
  - ii. Nicole has contacted Sam’s Club, Whole Foods and other stores for possible donations for dinner.
  - iii. Three plots have been forfeited and rerented. Rhonda Titus was interested in a garden plot and Nicole will contact her.
- f. Grounds – Roy – See report attached.
  - i. Kate Mahew is a preservationist that Roy talked to at the Joust. She may be interested in working with GFPS. Barbara said that Jane Cox knows her and perhaps Jane could speak to Kate and convince her to join and work with us.
  - ii. Roy wanted to send a thank you note to Cape Gardeners for the rain barrel sale monies that they are donating to GFPS. We do not know if they have sent us the money yet. Barbara will check with Karen.
  - iii. Roy still needs a general “Security” notice to post at the farm. An alert did go out to all members about a recent problem at Goshen from Vertical Response.
  - iv. Still researching dumpster rental for Goshen. Lou suggested using dumpster bags that one can rent from Waste Management.
- g. Fundraising – No Chairman – Suggestions for fund raisers still needed. Letter Campaign might be done in November to enable tax credit for 2012 contributions.
- h. Oral History – Patty – Rhonda Titus has volunteered to transcribe the Oral History recordings for free. Patty needs to follow up on this.

- i. Caper Article – Barbara – Caper Article for July/August is about Alden’s Scout Project for the garden shed and getting “match” donations by February, 2013.
  - j. Research – Scott – Scott is in the process of writing up his research notes and hoping to be finished by October. He is willing to do a presentation on what he has. This was discussed and possibilities were a presentation at the Open House or at the CSCIA Annual Meeting in January.
2. Special Projects
- a. Kayak Raffle Fundraiser – We do not have the final \$ numbers. There were 496 raffle tickets sold. The drawing was held (with permission from Barbara) at the end of the Joust. The winning ticket was purchased by Dani Snyder. She was notified by phone and the kayaks were delivered to her by Roy and Becky Benner. A thank you note needs to go out to The Ski Haus for giving us the kayaks at cost.
  - b. Joust Overview – Patty chaired the event and brought the GFPS supplies needed. Becky and Roy Benner, and Michael Buchet provided all of the other materials (tables, information sheets for Corporate Sponsorships, ladders to hold kayaks, bungee straps for whatever was needed, etc.), and Lou and Smitty provided the tent. Roy brought a picture board with more recent photos to display along with the older picture boards. The joust attendance was down due to the early thunderstorms and heat. The tent had many visitors and volunteers spoke to them about Goshen, answered questions, and encouraged them to join GFPS.
3. Upcoming Events
- a. Open House – 9/15 – Barb will send out a list of needs for this event and the number of volunteers needed to the membership. We need flyers for Open House ASAP.
  - b. Harvest Dinner – If CSCMC is still available, Nicole will lock in the 9/22 date with them. Nicole has the list of materials, cost, and volunteers needed. See Sharing Garden notes above for details.
  - c. Halloween Ball – 10/27 – Michael has agreed to redo the letter that will go out to businesses for auction items and door prize donations. He will be able to have the name of the business and contact person included in the letter (rather than “Merchant”). Smitty will send him a copy of our old letter and her copy of those businesses and individuals who have donated in the past. Leigh Glenn of “Bay Weekly” has offered to help get donations. Smitty will need to contact her after we get the new donation letters printed.
4. On-going Business
- a. Still need Chairs for Event Planning, Fundraising, and Oral History Committees.
  - b. Status of Eagle Scout Shed Project – Alden has raised \$1236.65 for his project. It is to be completed by the end of August. He will be meeting with Roy about the site location as soon as schedule permits.
  - c. Physical Use Plan – Stu is still working on a date for this meeting and must consider Jane Cox’s schedule as she must be there to help. The plan needs to be submitted to MHT before work is done on the Main House.
5. New Business
- a. From the floor –

- i. Michael Buchet requested and was granted permission to address the meeting. He showed us the three Roof Fall Protection Kits that were donated by a friend who owns a business in Pennsylvania and estimated in value between \$500 - 600. A thank you note and a letter explaining our Corporate Sponsor Program will be sent by Smitty. Michael will provide that name and address. Roy will send Smitty examples of Thank You letters that he has already sent out for Grounds Committee.
- ii. Michael next distributed examples of Boom Lifts that he researched on the internet. He believes it is a matter of safety that we rent this lift for all future projects on the Main House. He has not further contacted these businesses to determine if they would donate or reduce the cost of a Boom Lift. Doug McClellan will contact Sunbelt regarding them donating the equipment to GFPS.

6. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45.