

Parmelee Farm Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Parmelee Farm
May 7, 2026

Present: Eileen Blewett, Christine Cronin, Brian Dombroski, Linda Dudek, Tim Gannon, Mike Greenaway, Karen Milano, Richard Pleines, and Ken Wodatch

Absent: Terry Doyle, and Peg Scofield

Richard called the meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. The minutes of the meetings of April 2 and April 24 were accepted as presented.

There was a lengthy discussion of the most recent financial report and the new approval process for expenses. Tim Gannon made a motion to unencumber the \$56,000 that had been earmarked for curtains for the Pavilion and additional trail lighting. Seconded by Eileen Blewett. Unanimously passed.

Eileen brought up the subject of whether private events at the Farm are viable going forward. She also stated that community events which have been on the increase should continue. There was discussion.

Linda stated that the Artisan Market which will be held on September 12 may be the last. She also reported that the fire extinguishers have been inspected, and as usual the inspector showed up without an appointment, but she was able to come to the Farm to let him into the various buildings. She also said that a visitor to the Farm reported to her that a light was dangling on the Stone Barn. Richard will look into it.

Ken mentioned that the maple tree that came down this winter still needs to be cut up and that there is a hanging branch over the kitchen garden. Richard said he would talk to Chris.

Eileen reported that the bathrooms are in good shape. Tim reported that all of the security cameras are functioning. He also reported that all of the grounds maintenance equipment service has been completed by Ed Gorman. Receipts for necessary supplies have been submitted to Town Hall as operating expenses.

Karen reported that the Killingworth Land Conservation Trust (KLCT) is going to do new trail maps. This will include the large one at the kiosk and those along the trails. The trails are in good shape. Andy Annino and his KLCT crew have been doing a great job.

Eileen reported that there are only a few private parties scheduled for this season, but there are many town events scheduled by various groups including Youth and Family Services.

Linda reported that the KHS tag sale is this weekend... The first open house will be on June 14. The house will be open for all town events at the Farm.

Richard reported that the concert benefiting YFS on June 5 will begin set up at 9 a.m. There will be four food trucks and a silent auction. There was lengthy discussion re the plans for this. There was discussion of the items to be voted on at then town meeting on May 18th.

Meeting adjourned 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin
Secretary