

1/29/25, Raynes Farm Stewardship Committee

Attendance: Ben, Keith, Sally, Don, Nick

- Called to order at 8:36
- Recapped solstice event, December 21st, 42 attendees
- Stephen done with work this winter until around April, work remains on East end of barn.
- Keith considered the idea of a sign or two – similar to WordBarn’s – to allow for progress and event updates
 - Will work with Doug Eastman on requirements/process.
 - Discussion around the location – down by parking lot; south/north side of barn.
- Cement floor –
 - Needs to be removed so we can consider staircase, and add in fire suppression
 - Received staircase estimate for \$4,500.
 - Fire Suppression system identified to be placed in this area
- Mowing –
 - Discussion around boundaries for mowing
 - Drain pipe was crushed – Keith will try and fix
 - Some rocks have rolled up to 12 feet away – a hazard for mowers
- Events –
 - Discussed past events - pumpkin toss, disc golf, owl event
 - Have felt constrained in past due to safety of barn. Questions on current/future occupancy numbers. Keith will inquire w/ Fire Dept when asking for fire permit.
 - Plan to have outdoor events in the near term to bridge future events inside the barn
 - Upcoming Moonlit walk on February 12th at 6:30 – will plan to showcase some of barn improvements
- Charging for events
 - Discussion around holding free events, and desire to keep events free/nominal fee
 - Weddings and for profit events aren’t allowed under deed restrictions – we should review these
 - Funding could offset future improvements
 - Would need avenue/mechanism for receiving funds. Partner w/ with a 501c3 (i.e. Friends or Rec)?
- Future Events
 - Sally proposed a collective brainstorming effort to generate ideas.
 - Sally suggested a Tree ID walk along with efforts to plant a new tree (perhaps led by Kevin Breen from Tree Committee)
 - Ben has a farm to table event in mind for the future
 - Porta potty – \$175/weekend, handicap accessible
 - \$250 a month w/ weekly cleaning suggested by Ben
 - Nick suggested putting together a Google form to collect future event ideas – will work with Kristen on this.
- Friends of Raynes
 - The idea was suggested to develop a group of individuals in town who may have an interest in volunteering in some way (could be similar to what the library has done)
- Next meeting – 3rd week in February or 1st week of March.
- Adjourned at 9:49