**Attendees:** Dan Carey, Monica Carey, Kathy Howard, Sally TenEck, Marty Slade, Callan Space, Jackie Baxendell, Justin DeGraw, Omaya, Tyler Olsen, Fay Benson

**New Members:** Omaya works at Cornell Diagnostics, horse farm and active member of the Groton Community. Justin’s dad had a dairy farm now beef farm in West Groton, 2 young kids who enjoy farming. Jackie is a retired science teacher from Groton that has livestock at home. Tyler Olsen 4th year vet student at Cornell.

**Meeting Called to order**: 6:06P meeting called to order

**Approval of previous meeting minutes**: Callan Motion, Monica Second, approved

**Approval of Agenda**: Dan wants to add a modification under new business, Sally motions, Kathy seconds

**Treasury report**: payment made to NYS FFA association for the students ($200) and check to Jackson Slade ($250) for the Scholarship. Ending Balance is $7,356.67

**Secretary Update**: Callan is taking over for Kathy, Kathy will be backup

**Old Business**:

* Ag email keeping for large events
* Scrap metal donation has been deposited,
* The FFA scholarship had 2 applicants and was awarded, next year we would like to increase the amount and make it a little larger.
* Marty reached out to Graphtex to get pricing and start a store. Discussion around pre-ordering vs having an online store and made to order. Dan would like to have a way to identify the FFA group during Olde Home Days, so getting something in advance would be ideal. 2 parts: apparel to sell and apparel for the Advisory Board and FFA students so easily identifiable. To put FFA on anything it is branded, so we want to run that by the FFA or just make a Groton Ag Shirt that is more related to board and Ag vs FFA brand. In the future have a student design a logo to brand which we can also use for social media. Buy hats to sell at Olde Home Days. Shirts for committee members and students who will be there. Marty will get more information from Derek.
* Pumpkins are planted, the transplants look great and the seeds have about a 70% germination rate. Houston’s was planted a week later.
* Organizing farm tours for next year. We will need to roll out a structure for that, more to come in winter months.
* Mission Statement that Jason sent can be marked up and edited and revised, very open to feedback. Everyone needs to give feedback by next meeting so that it can be incorporated for a review in September.
* Gift for the Hills plaque and Gift Certificate to a Greenhouse
  + Is there a way to do a formal recogniation at Olde Home Days
  + Reach out to Christine to see if there is a time during Old Home Days to recognize the Hills and Art

**New Business**:

* Olde Home Days – Partnering with Groton Cruisers and we will be in the parking lot across from Baker Miller and they will loan us a BBQ pit. We can have a small antique tractor show. Rick Neville printed off some and they were distributed from the meeting tonight.
  + Food permit both days – Friday 4PM-8PM and Saturday 11AM-till gone
  + Chicken, Roasted Corn, Salt Potatoes
    - Chicken speedie sandwich with roasted peppers and onions
    - Want to do something unique
    - We need the support of the students
    - Monica/Fay to help work on schedule in 2 hour blocks can sign up for multiple blocks in a row
    - Bottles of water and milk donation
    - Need: chicken, speedie mix, butter, salt, pepper, peppers, onions, potatoes, portable burners and frying pots for salt potatoes
  + Milk Donation – Callan will reach out to the Houston’s to coordinate a milk donation
  + Social Media Advertising – Callan will take the lead
  + Maybe a dunking booth
  + Cutlery
  + Pricing
  + Robert Houston - Antique Tractor Show – need names and contact information
* Heated Greenhouse – small heated green house originally to go in the courtyard of the school, Jason was then able to get additional funds up to $25K and able to purchase a 24x14ft aluminum frame structure. Able to buy insulated concreate forms, pex, tile drain and everything to get the site work done at HEP, all materials are staged at the school. Met with Amos last week and shot grades. Dig out trench for footers and get the stone in when school starts the insultation and radiant slab will go in by building trades. Nick Darling the Facilities Manager is fully onboard and the Village is bringing in Electric and Water for free. Vitale is doing concrete at cost and donate all the gravel we need.
* Teacher Report- 7 kids went to Camp O July 5th-July 8th, kids all had a good time. Some kids rode horses for the first time, did ropes courses, paddle boarding
  + Dr. Oliver is teaching animal science this fall. Animals come down to the school for a week or too
  + Cargill will likely have more funding for things like the calf hutches. Steve Holmes is more than willing to help
  + Callan can pull some down and share them
* Idea for Growth: Dan presented a letter to mail/email to past FFA members and folks involved in agriculture. Will also post to the social media page.

**Next Meeting:** TUESDAY - 8/10 – 6PM

**Ajourn:** 7:12P