

Szegda Farm Management Committee

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Present: Tom McGrath, Anthony Ortiz (guest), and Nancy Schwartz

The meeting opened at 7:01 PM.

The minutes of 911/14 were approved.

Tom McGrath was nominated and voted in as chairman to replace Ann Dunnack who resigned effective 11/2014.

Audience of Citizens: Anthony Ortiz, Democrat, who agreed to serve on the committee to fill Ann's spot. Tom will bring his name to the Board of Selectman for approval.

Old Business

Agricultural usage of Ag units 5 & 6: We discussed the problems of trying to keep the land in agricultural use. Anthony suggested that Ron Szegda, as the farmer, may be able to get grant money to use on improving the fields at Szegda. We will also pursue having money added to the town budget in order to hire someone to brush hog fields annually.

Water Pump: no news

New Business:

Community Garden Report: The gardens are mostly cleaned up. Bob Ulkus sent email reminders to a few gardeners who hadn't cleaned up their plots yet. A load of wood chips was delivered as requested for recovering the pathways.

Steward Report: Tom reported that all of the trails have been maintained within the last few weeks.

Other: A friend of Gary King's has offered to donate a picnic table to the farm. We accepted the offer and will have it placed in the pole barn. Come springtime we can place it near the trails at the upper parking lot or elsewhere.

Tom has submitted the meeting schedule of this committee for 2015 to the town clerk. We will continue to meet the 2nd Thursday of alternate months at 7 PM, beginning in January.

The SFMC would like to express its gratitude to Ann Dunnack for her service to the town and Szegda Farm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Next Regular meeting: January 8, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Schwartz, secretary

Received: November 17, 2014
At 10:48
Attest: Robin M. Benefield
Town Clerk/Assistant Town Clerk