

Szegda Farm Management Committee

Thursday, March 12, 2015

Present: Gary King, Tom McGrath, Anthony Ortiz, and Nancy Schwartz

The meeting opened at 7:05 PM.

The minutes of 1/08/15 were amended to change 'her service' to 'his service' under 'Other:' and approved.

Audience of Citizens: Ron Szegda

Old Business:

Ron Szegda: Ron spoke on his use of the Plains lot – he did hay it this year. He said that he hasn't had time to mow extra fields, but would like to do some next year. Gary suggested that if the gate on route 87 were to be moved away from the road some that there might be parking for fishing in Gifford's Brook. A work party could clear brush to make the brook accessible. Ron stated that would work as long as he could get through with his equipment. This would expand the use of the recreational facilities at Szegda.

Water Pump: Tom spoke with George Murphy this week. Because of the winter we have had he currently does not have anything new to report on the status of the gas powered well pump for the community garden.

Community Garden: The 2015 Garden forms are now available. The garden is still well under snow but the parking lot is plowed. Ron Szegda said that he could bring us a load of composted manure before the ground thaws. Nancy will check with Bob Ulkus to verify placement.

Steward Report: Tom snowshoed all of the trails and reported that they seem to be in good shape.

Agricultural usage of Ag units 5 & 6: Ron says these fields are mostly weeds. He felt the best approach would be to use Roundup to kill the weeds and then plant no-till seeds to avoid eroding the ground.

Budget for 2015: No money has been specifically allocated to Szegda Farm this year.

New Business:

Other: Anthony announced that on Friday, April 10 the Columbia Historical Society would be holding their annual potluck supper meeting open to the public. The program is being presented by the Columbia Conservation & Agriculture Commission. There will be an exhibit of Columbia farming history and a panel of local farmers, including Ron.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Next Regular meeting: May 14, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Schwartz, secretary

Received: March 16, 2015
At 8:55
Attest: Robert M. Kenefield
Town Clerk/Assistant Town Clerk