

Szegda Farm Management Committee

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Present: Tom McGrath, Gary King, Nancy Schwartz, and guests Walt Tabor and Bob Ulkus

The meeting opened at 7:05 PM.

The minutes of 1/13/16 were approved with corrections regarding the discussion on Ag units 5 & 6.

Old Business:

Water Pump: a solar water pump is to be ordered by George Murphy and installed by DPW this spring.

Agricultural usage of Ag units 5 & 6: The timetable for mowing, treating, fertilizing, and seeding was discussed as well as the proposed cost of materials. Walt emphasized that equipment must be cleaned after mowing weeds in order to prevent their spread.

Steward Report: Gary reported that as of today all of the trails have been cleared with the exception of 2 downed trees that need to be cut up.

Lawn Mowers and equipment: Gary thought the mowers had been serviced by DPW. Tom has the debit card for gas. Replacement of the mowers is being budgeted by the town for 2017.

Community Garden Report: Bob presented a written report. New items include a composting initiative (need to have details by end of May for gardeners), proposed storage shelves for the pole barn, and a noontime garden talk discussion on March 24 at the senior center. Bob also presented a raised bed handout which was discussed.

Gifford's Brook Habitat improvement: Gary noted that the state still stocks this stream. It appears that this stream is on the property line and the Szegda side is a jungle. Discussion followed.

Correspondence: none

Other: First Annual Columbia Classic Car Show – Gary reported that this show will now be held at Porter School, not Szegda Farm. Sponsored by the Columbia Historical Society, Szegda Farm is to receive some profits from this event. Given that we and the gardeners have been asked to volunteer, Bob requested that we provide him with details and a contact person for volunteer signups and needs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Next Regular meeting: May 11, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Schwartz, secretary

Received: May 12, 2016

At: 8:41 AM

Attest: Walt Tabor

Town Clerk/ Assistant Town Clerk Walt