

Town of Columbia

Szegda Farm Management Committee

Wednesday, July 13, 2016

Present: Tom McGrath, Gary King, Anthony Ortiz, Nancy Schwartz and guests Walt Tabor and Andrea Stannard.

The meeting opened at 7:05 PM.

The minutes of 5/13/2016 will be approved at the next meeting

Old Business:

Water Pump: The solar water pump is working well. Several hoses have been connected to the underground pipe installed by DPW which allows water to be accessed by gardeners at convenient points in the garden.

Agricultural usage of Ag units 5 & 6: Walt limed these fields in early June, and has adjusted the nitrogen level. Ron recently mowed the lots. Walt will continue working with these fields at the appropriate time.

Steward Report: All of the trails are currently in good shape. Tom has been working on reblazing the red trail.

Lawn Mowers and equipment/Gas Debit Card: Gary reported that so far 60 hours have been spent mowing the trails and field by 4 volunteers. The new mower is more fuel efficient and the gas card is working well.

Community Garden Report – Eagle Project raised gardens: Adrian Salustri has built 2 raised beds inside the fenced in garden area.

Community Garden Pot Luck Dinner at Pole Barn – Wednesday August 24 from 6 to 7:30 PM: We will be working with Bob Ulkus to invite special guests and secure a rain date location.

Gifford's Brook Trout Habitat Improvement: possible gate and parking improvements from Rt 87 were discussed.

Other: First Annual Columbia Classic Car Show Sunday 09/18 – Andrea (programming chair for the Columbia Historical Society) gave details about how the show is organized, where profits come from (entry fees, sponsorships, sale of beverages and refreshments). Gary, also a member of CHS, will email a list of potential businesses which can be/have been solicited.

Special meeting: Monday, August 15 to work on the garden potluck and the classic car show.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Next Regular meeting: September 14, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Schwartz, SFMC secretary

Received: July 19, 2016

At: 8:15 AM

Attest: Mark McGrath ASST
Town Clerk/ Assistant Town Clerk TC