

Town of Columbia
Szegda Farm MEETING Agenda
Thursday May 2 at 6pm
At the Adella G Urban Administrative Office Conference Room
(Submitted by: Tom McGrath Chair)

Call to Order:

Attendees:

Note: January 2024 Meeting was canceled

Motion to accept Minutes from 2024/03/07

Audience of Citizens:

Old Business

- **New Rec Director Jacob Plitt just started, and Assistant Rec. Director is - Anyka Fegan ~ 860.228.8513; Recreation@columbiact.org. I did a meet and greet with him 2024/04/25**
- **Community Garden 2024 Deb Smith as SFMC garden liaison, and Leslie Brand plot coordinator/garden mentor**
 - Deposit used?
 - Gardeners at the garden meetings and Facebook sharing for this year?
 - Plots still available?
 - Rain has caused quite a bit of damage to the gardens from runoff coming down the hill? Is this resolved?
 - Spring Cleanup of plots and fence lines? Done 2024/04/20?
 - DPW should turned on water – around April 1 this year?
 - Porta Potty is on site for approximately 6 months – Should arrive around April 1-? will be there until October 15
 - Improvements needed around gates for rodent control?
 - Continue planting along the fence perimeter to control weeds
 - Other Improvements planned for 2024? –
- **Agricultural usage of Ag Units 5 & 6 – Jeremy Zurell**
 - Soil enhancements application
 - Hay Cutting
 - Brush Hog
- **15 plus -year Anniversary Party for Szegda Farm – Community Garden to be show place** (last party was 2018 Solstice) – work with Recreation Department to celebrate Open Space in town – Tom will be working with the Rec Department and schedule something

- **Steward report (Tom McGrath)**
 - Trails conditions: All in good shape (Still need signage and maps updated, fixed and posted-Tom)
 - Trail – new connector trail between upper trails and lower trails near hay field – This trail was completed in 2023 with signs and another trail above that in progress
 - Parking lot conditions – good shape.
 - Power Company activity on trails/roads – no activity
 - Szegda Road Stonewall cleanup and spraying for 2024 – yes this will be done again mid June \$300

- **Szegda Farm Approved Budget - Review 2023-2024 – Dept Fund 28**

190 Community Garden	\$0
191 Maintenance of Szegda Farm	\$0
300 General Supplies	\$750
500 Professional/Technical	\$0
515 Contracted Services	\$3500
600 Repairs & Maintenance	\$2500
Total:	\$6750

- **2024 Meeting Calendar** - every other month first Thursday mostly July on the 11th
- **Szegda Farm Bow Hunting** status- Yes again in Fall of 2024
- **SFMC Management Plan for Agricultural Management Unit 1 - Plains Lot** – no issues at this time. Asked for Town to perform an audit of both Agricultural Management Units during 2024
- **Other** (Correspondence, Proposed Actions) – none
- **New Business**

Adjournment:

Next Regular Meeting: May 2, 2024