

**Town of Columbia**  
**Szegda Farm Management Committee**  
**MINUTES (Submitted by: Tom McGrath Chair)**  
**Thursday November 7, 2019**

Call to Order – 6PM

Present: Tom McGrath, Gary King, Millie Ramsey, David Bull, Deb Smith

Minutes from 2019/09/05 approved

Old Business

- **Correspondence, Proposed Actions** – Tom McGrath has contacted Mark Walter and George Murphy on several initiatives trying schedule DPW prior to winter to
  - delivery of Top Soil from Rec. Park. And the leveling of areas to left of pole barn above the apple orchard area
  - Brush hog along access roads, parking lots and field edges
- **Steward report**
  - Mowing - there is still some mowing needed before winter
  - Trails conditions – Columbia Boy Scouts worked on trails the weekend of 10/19/2019. After the recent storms there is one tree that needs to be cut off one of the trails
  - Parking lot conditions – some more trash is being found in the upper parking lot
  - Power Company activity on trails/roads etc. – Power company is actively working the back part of the property installing poles and wires. We will need to work with them on cleanup when they finish their work
- **Budget Review 2020-2021**
  - Portable Toilet – Should we purchase one and just pay for service
  - Build a farmer’s bridge to connect newly graveled roads in the power company right of way to the plains lot hay field
- **Community Garden 2019/2020**
  - Fencing was completed but additional clips need to be added to the top wire
  - Water Pump / Water Tank / Solar Pump Start up 2020 May/ Shut Down in 2019 October
  - Deb Smith as SFMC garden liaison, and Leslie Brand plot coordinator/garden mentor
    - Work continues with roto tilling the new areas of the garden
    - Stone Dust should be installed in the street end of the new area to join up with the handicap accessible area to allow for a picnic table type community area inside the community garden ( delivery may be needed to the parking lot area and then wheel barrowed into plot)
- **Szegda Road stonewall cleanup and spraying for 2020-2021**
  - This year the wall was left untreated. It was only weed wacked. The plan is to weedwack the wall early in the spring and then apply the vinegar/dawn solution to the plants along the wall for weed control
- **Agricultural usage of Ag units 5 & 6** - On hold until power company is done with work

**New Business** – Gary King is resigning from the committee effective 11/7/19. David Bull would like to be appointed to the Committee

**Adjournment** – 6:45pm

**Next Regular Meeting:** January 9,2020