

Town of Columbia
Szegda Farm Management Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday September 3, 2020 9am
Szegda Farm Community Garden
(Submitted by: Tom McGrath Chair)

Call to Order: 9am

Minutes from 2020/07/09 – approved

Attendees: Leslie Brand, Dave Bull, Tom McGrath, Ann Dunnack

Old Business

- **Community Garden 2020/2021**
 - Deb Smith as SFMC garden liaison, and Leslie Brand plot coordinator/garden mentor
 - Harvest Celebration September 2020? – Nothing for this year
 - Portable toilet 2020 shut down date? – Remove around October 1st
 - Water 2020 shut down date? – October 15th or later based on garden needs
 - Small shed inside garden fence – Needs to be powerwashed, stained and windows doors put back on – Millie looking into borrowing generator to run powerwasher, Tom will coordinate other tasks after its cleaned and prepped
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- **Steward report (Tom McGrath)**
 - Trails conditions – A lot of blowdowns cleared but in good shape now
 - Parking lot conditions – Upper parking area litter cleaned by volunteer
 - Power Company activity on trails/roads etc. – corduroy road removed
 - Szegda Road stonewall cleanup and spraying for 2020-2021 – the vinegar/salt/soap solution had minimal success. Need to consider commercial weed control again. A volunteer, Justin Holbrook, may help with rebuilding part of wall over the winter
 - Agricultural usage of Ag Units 5 & 6 – Jeremy Zurell, a local hay farmer is discussing with us the possibility of managing the back hay field for us.
 - Equipment (mowers, weedwacker) – everything is working currently.
 - DPW top soil from rec park ? – have not heard anything will discuss with new DPW head
 - DPW brush hog fields ? – One of the Boy Scout parents volunteered their time back on 06/26 to cut the field, they are planning to cut it again this fall.
- **Budget Review 2020-2021 – nothing new**
- **Other (Correspondence, Proposed Actions)**

New Business

- **Szegda Farm Management Plan – Ann Dunnack reviewed the 2008 plan with those in attendance. It is time to revise the plan for 2021 and beyond -The committee should set up some time to go into more detail on the objectives that have been completed, those that still need to be completed, and any new objectives we would add to it**

Adjournment: 9:45am

Next Regular Meeting: November 5,2020