

**Town of Columbia**

**Szegda Farm Management Committee**

**Thursday, September 6, 2018**

**Szegda Farm Pole Barn**

Present: Tom McGrath, Marc Volza

The meeting opened at 6:05PM.

The minutes of 7/19/18 were reviewed .

Audience of Citizens: Bob Ulkus, Ann Dunnack, Dave Bull

Old business:

Budget Review 2018-2019 – The portable toilet has been available since the summer solstice event. At a cost of \$480 for the 6 month period - Proposed Actions – a list of suggested future improvements to be made to the property, submitted by David Bull and Bob Ulkus at the 07/19/18 meeting will continue to be reviewed and discussed at future meetings regarding the 2019-2020 budget. The list included fencing considerations, equipment maintenance and replacement, and possible filling and leveling for future events.

Steward report – Tom McGrath – The Scag mower needs repair again. The trails near the pole barn and ag fields were cleaned up by the Boy Scouts just before Labor Day. Tom will work on cleaning up other trails in the coming weeks.

Community garden 2018 – Bob reiterated that he will be retiring as the garden steward after this season. He has supplied a list of garden steward duties to be taken over by the community gardeners next year. The plan is to have each gardener be responsible for a task on his list.

Community Garden – wood chips – Bob said he would like DPW drop off a load of clean wood chips this winter for the garden

Community Garden - New fencing may or may not be installed sometime this fall. A contractor has not yet been found to do the work. Should decide by 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September if this is a go or no go for 2018. Fencing – planning order 1) remove old fence. 2) Need to have stone dust delivered inside the area that will be fenced. 3) Need the new area harrowed or roto tilled. 4) Install new fence with new gates.

Szegda Road stonewall cleanup - Bob reiterated that the gardeners will be trying non-poisonous treatments against the poison ivy if it reappears. Tom will weed wack the stone walls along the road over the next few weeks and then Bob will apply his treatments to the area

Agriculture usage of Ag units 5 & 6 – Walt Tabor may cut and leave the Hay on the back field. Tom will contact George Murphy and Jim Blair to see if they could use the hay for construction if it was bailed.

Water Pump/Tank – DPW should plan on draining around mid October

Columbia View articles – Tom will try and work with Rec Department to advertise the winter activities sledding and cross country skiing in winter issue. Bob will try and put together articles for the spring on how to start a garden based on what you eat should be what you grow.

Oberlander Property – It looks like the town is moving forward with purchasing the property in the Wellswoods area. If this goes through it might be reasonable to combine the management of this new property with the SFMC rather than forming yet another committee.

Reminder:

New meeting date and time- beginning in September 2018, the SFMC meetings will be held at 6 PM on the first Thursday night of alternating months (before CCAG), i.e. Sept. 6, Nov. 1, Jan. 3

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Next Regular meeting: November 1, 2018 at 6PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom McGrath