

Town of Columbia

Szegda Farm Management Committee

Thursday, November 1, 2018 6 PM

BOS room Town Hall

Present: Tom McGrath, Gary King, Nancy Schwartz, Marc Volza

The meeting opened at 6 PM.

The minutes of 09/06/18 were approved .

Audience of Citizens: Bob Ulkus, David Bull, Leslie Brand, Chris McGrath

Old business:

Correspondence, Proposed Actions –The list of future improvements to be made to the property, submitted by David Bull and Bob Ulkus, was reviewed and discussed some more . The list included fencing considerations, equipment maintenance and replacement, and possible filling and leveling for future events.

Budget Review 2018-2019 – The portable toilet has been available since the summer solstice event at a cost of \$480 for 6 months. There are funds available should additional road weed control and hay field chemicals are needed. Bob surveyed the gardeners who preferred weed-wacking and spraying with vinegar as opposed to Rotenone. We felt a good compromise would be garden volunteers maintaining the limited fence line along the garden with the town employees handling the rest.

Steward report – Gary stated that he's been finding a lot of trash by the stone wall.

Community garden 2018/2019 –Bob mentioned that there are two plots that are not being properly maintained. He also 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. **Attending the meeting tonight was Leslie Brand who will be the plot coordinator and garden mentor for the coming year.** Deb Smith, one of the original gardeners, was not present tonight, but she'll be the SFMC Liason.

New fencing will be installed sometime this fall. We have a contractor who is due to sign a contract in the near future and will even remove the old one!

Szegda Road stonewall cleanup - Bob reiterated that the gardeners will be trying non-poisonous treatments against the poison ivy if it reappears.

Agriculture usage of Ag units 5 & 6 – no news

New business:

The meeting adjourned at 7 PM.

Next Regular meeting: January 3, 2019 at 6PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Schwartz, SFMC secretary