

Town of Columbia
Szegda Farm Management Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Thursday May 2, 2019 **6pm**

Adella G Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room – Town Hall

(MINUTES Submitted by: Tom McGrath Chair)

Present: Tom McGrath, Marc Volza, Leslie Brand, Debby Smith

Call to Order: **at 6:05pm**

Minutes from 2019/03/07 **were approved**

Audience of Citizens: **None**

Old Business

- Correspondence, Proposed Actions ***(nothing to report)**
- Steward report
 - **Mowing started 2019/04/29 – still very wet**
 - **Gas Cans filled, and mowers and weedwackers all started okay 2019/04/29**
 - **Trails conditions – they were good in April, checking in May**
 - **Parking lot conditions– they were good in April, checking in May**
 - **Power Company activity on trails/roads etc (Marc Volza to check with Town Administrator and DPW for updates)**
 - **Hay fields – We will continue with improvements over the next 18 months. Agricultural usage of ag units 5 & 6**
 - **Road Rock Wall -weed control – will purchase hand sprayer, vinegar and dawn detergent and see if Richard Lapalme will coordinate with Tom McGrath on keeping control of weeds**
 - **Top soil from rec park – to be brought by DPW to garden and area near pole barn, wet conditions have delayed screening and delivery. Garden needs to be prepped prior to delivery – Tom McGrath looking into Sod Cutter, Marc Volza looking for help from local farmer**
- Budget Review 2018-2019 (**Budget for 2019-2020 is approved**)
- Community Garden 2018/2019
 - **portable toilet, (Marc Volza to check with DPW but should be available by mid-May)**
 - **Fencing is almost complete**
 - **Need rodent guard on gates, new gates need a combination lock**
 - **Top wire needs to be added**
 - **Bottom stakes installed**
 - **Water Pump / Water Tank / Solar Pump Start up 2019/ Shut Down in 2019 (Marc Volza to check with DPW but water should be available by mid-May)**
 - **Deb Smith as SFMC garden liason, and Leslie Brand plot coordinator/garden mentor**
 - **This Saturday, May 4th, from 12:00 to 3:00 there will be students from EO Smith volunteering to help clean up the garden.,**
 - **Szegda Farm Harvest Dinner Wednesday August 21st will be small event for gardeners, SFMC and a few others**

Adjournment: **6:40**

Next Regular Meeting: **July 11**