

Town of Columbia
Szegda Farm Management Committee

MINUTES

Thursday July 11, 2019 **6pm**

Adella G Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room – Town Hall

(Minutes - Submitted by: Tom McGrath Chair)

Present: Tom McGrath, Marc Volza, Millie Ramsey, Leslie Brand, Greg Brand

Call to Order: at 6:00 PM

Minutes from 2019/05/02 – **were approved**

Audience of Citizens

Old Business

- Correspondence, Proposed Actions
- Steward report
 - **DPW – help needed**
 - still needs DPW to pick up pile of materials just off the lower parking lot near welcome sign, Its been there for several months now.
 - need them to brush hog areas around the interior perimeter of the property this Fall around AG field edges.
 - need to replace/repair gate for rte 87 access. Not sure of safe placement – possibly further inside property.
 - Mowing - going well
 - Mower condition(s) – zero turn and walk behind working well, Gas all set for now
 - Trails conditions - need some work on upper trails somewhat overgrown, tree down in back hay field will remove soon
 - Parking lot conditions – not any problems with litter or dumping
 - Power Company activity on trails/roads etc. – a lot going on in back Ag field. Would like to have joint meeting with them DPW, Town Administrator to discuss their schedule. Possibly getting help with a “farmers bridge” to connect from back hay field to Plains Lot
- Budget Review 2019-2020
 - fencing, portable toilet, equipment(mowers, weedwacker), hay fields, celebration, road weed control, top soil from rec park
 - – Fencing is done, Portable Toilet being serviced regularly, roto tiller attachment purchased, hay fields will need to be cut this Fall, top soil from rec park delayed due to wet spring
- Community Garden 2019/2020
 - Fencing – All set for now, discussion of stone dust paths and inside area now that fence is up. Also discussion on covering the grass inside the fence with plastic to kill off grass. Millie to lead discussion/action on both items
 - Water Pump / Water Tank / Solar Pump Start up 2019/ Shut Down in 2019 – a few weeks ago gardeners thought there was an issue but Bud checked and it is fine.
 - Deb Smith as SFMC garden liason, and Leslie Brand plot coordinator/garden mentor
 - Issue with one gardener not using their plot by July 1st, Marc Volza will check with gardener about cleaning up or giving up plot
 - There will be students from EO Smith volunteering to help clean up the garden at different times over the next few months

- **Szegda Farm Harvest Dinner Wednesday August 21st – date will change based on a survey of the gardeners maybe 8/14 or 8/28 – Marc Volza will provide list of who to invite.**
- Szegda Road stonewall cleanup and spraying for 2019 – **Tom will continue to weedwack, Richard Lapalme will start spraying weeds with vinegar/dawn solution soon as we get him sprayer and ingredients**
- Agricultural usage of Ag units 5 &6 - **waiting on power company to finish their work and or to meet with us to discuss their plans**
- Other

New Business

Adjournment: **6:55pm**

Next Regular Meeting: September 5