

**Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee**  
**April 28, 2020**  
**Approved Minutes**  
**7:00 PM**

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**Attendance**

**Present Remotely:**

Chair Emily Kunelius  
Cindy LeBlanc, Vice-Chair  
Selectman Chuck Myette  
Kristina Snyder  
Maria Oakley  
Beth Sautter  
Kendall Kunelius (@7:27 PM)

**Absent:**

Ted Broadwater  
Joe Krasowski  
Stephen O. Landau, Selectman Liaison  
Colin Costine, Alternate

**Members of the Public Present Remotely at Various Times:**

Town Administrator Deb Doda  
Bob Pepper  
Nick Ortins & Kristy Ortins

**Call to Order – Open Meeting**

Chair Emily Kunelius called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**I. Old Business**

**1. Approval of Minutes – Tabled**

**II. New Business**

**1. High Tunnel Update**

Selectman Myette indicated the irrigation line seems to be working and the Ortins have asked about setting up a farm stand. Chair Emily Kunelius asked about the food truck. Selectman Myette noted that would be a commercial use. The easement is monitored by RCCD (Rockingham County Conservation District). In addition to obtaining other necessary permits, parking could be an issue. Chair Emily Kunelius asked about the virus

protocol being an issue.

## **2. Haying – Bob Pepper**

Chair Emily Kunelius indicated Mr. Pepper had located machinery for mowing and rock hammering and the rental would be \$3,000 for the week. Selectman Myette asked how much was in the budget and Chair Emily Kunelius advised \$2,000 for the coming year but it has not been voted on at Town Meeting yet. Selectman Myette will attempt to set up a meeting this week with the Spring Hill Farm Trustees to see how much they are willing to fund. Mr. Pepper noted he had a backhoe and would try to dig up some of the rocks. Another option is to only rent the mower for \$1,200 for the weekend, but rocks are the more important issue.

Chair Emily Kunelius noted funding will be discussed at the next meeting to see if we can get the \$3,000. If not, will do the rocks and the rest later. Mr. Pepper noted he could start with the backhoe now but would need fuel covered. Selectman Myette advised Mr. Pepper that he would need to provide a Certificate of Insurance or a volunteer waiver may need to be filled out with Mrs. Reishus.

Mr. Pepper spoke with Road Agent Oleson and he agreed to bring a machine to break up the rocks at no cost and he is insured. Mr. Pepper noted there are some trees in the middle he would like to remove to make things easier. Selectman Myette asked if they wanted to keep the apple trees? Mrs. LeBlanc noted they are in tough shape. Selectman Myette indicated the Selectmen would like to have some agreement.

## **3. Updates on upcoming events and happenings at the farm.**

### **Foodscaping – June**

Mrs. LeBlanc indicated her Foodscaping class would be in June but she is uncertain if they will be able to get together.

### **Trail Ride**

Ms. Sautter reported she was disappointed to be informed by the Recreation Director that she would have to have insurance for the trail ride event. Everything has to be reviewed by the TRC (Technical Review Committee). Insurance can be waived by the Selectmen and Ms. Sautter would like to talk with them soon. The cut off date would be June or July.

### **Fall Festival**

Chair Emily Kunelius would like to begin to line things up around July and make a decision at the June meeting.

## **4. Spring Hill Farmhouse**

Chair Emily Kunelius advised the bathroom at the farm house leaked and caused damage. The water is shut off. Funding would need to be available to make repairs and do the ADA aspect. Fundraising is one possibility. Selectman Myette added that it may be possible to get volunteers to help with the repairs.

Chair Emily Kunelius noted the work can't move forward until we know how to meet code with the farm house. Building Inspector Bunker indicated an engineer would have to look at it. Selectman Myette noted the next step would be to find a contractor to do the work and get an estimate.

## **5. Any additional new business**

Chair Emily Kunelius advised that Mr. Pepper may want to bring some cows onto the property and incorporate

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4-H. He would need to sign a lease agreement and determine the fee. Selectman Myette reminded the insurance would still be an issue and could possibly be bundled together for the cows and the haying.

**III. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: May 18, 2020 at 7 PM**

*Chair Emily Kunelius motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. Selectman Myette seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor the motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Hoijer,  
Recording Secretary