

Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee
June 23, 2020
Approved Minutes
7:00 PM

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Attendance

Present Remotely:

Chair Emily Kunelius
Cindy LeBlanc, Vice-Chair
Selectman Chuck Myette
Beth Sautter
Kendall Kunelius
Kristina Snyder
Stephen O. Landau, Selectman Liaison

Absent:

Ted Broadwater
Maria Oakley
Joe Krasowski
Colin Costine, Alternate

Members of the Public Present Remotely at Various Times:

Bob Pepper
John Pepper
Nick Ortins & Kristy Ortins
Rich LeBlanc @7:27 PM

Call to Order – Open Meeting

Chair Emily Kunelius started the meeting at 7:02 PM.

I. Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes

February 17, 2020

Selectman Myette motioned to approved the February 17, 2020 minutes as amended. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken E-Kunelius – aye, Selectman Myette – aye, Vice-Chair LeBlanc – abstain, Sautter – aye, K-Kunelius – aye, Selectman Landau – abstain, Snyder – aye. The motion passed 5-0-

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51 **March 23, 2020**

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53 *Chair Emily Kunelius motioned to approved the March 23, 2020 minutes as amended. Vice-Chair LeBlanc*
54 *seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken E-Kunelius – aye, Selectman Myette – aye, Vice-Chair*
55 *LeBlanc – aye, Sautter – aye, K-Kunelius – aye, Selectman Landau – aye, Snyder – aye. With all in favor, the*
56 *motion passed unanimously.*

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58 **April 23, 2020 (no quorum)**

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60 **April 28, 2020**

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62 *Chair Emily Kunelius motioned to approved the March 23, 2020 minutes as amended. Vice-Chair LeBlanc*
63 *seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken E-Kunelius – aye, Selectman Myette – aye, Vice-Chair*
64 *LeBlanc – aye, Sautter – aye, K-Kunelius – aye, Selectman Landau – abstain, Snyder – aye. The motion*
65 *passed 6-0-1.*

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67 **May 19, 2020 - Tabled**

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69 **II. New Business**

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71 **1. Updates on upcoming events and happenings at the farm**

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75 **Haying**

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77 Selectman Myette noted the funds from haying should go back into the farm somehow, toward barn restoration
78 and could set up a special account for that. Mr. LeBlanc indicated they were finishing out back and would need
79 a week of good weather to finish up and may plan a second cut.

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81 **Farmhouse**

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83 Chair Emily Kunelius indicated Rich LeBlanc sent in a work order to have the electric done on the workshop.
84 Selectman Myette indicated it wasn't working. Building Inspector Bunker inspected it and said the line to the
85 garage wasn't buried deep enough and wasn't protected. It cannot be turned back on and needs to be run from
86 the box and the line trenched. Selectman Landau indicated the estimated cost is \$580. With a new box the cost
87 would be closer to \$1,600 for the electrical and new box.

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89 **Members**

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91 Chair Emily Kunelius indicated she heard from Mr. Krasowski and he has too much going on to stay on the
92 Committee and Chair Emily Kunelius indicated she will be resigning from the Committee as well effective July
93 17, 2020. Selectman Myette stated she had done a good job and expressed their thanks. Selectman Landau
94 indicated it was a pleasure working with this Committee this year and know you're busy. Selectman Landau
95 noted she is a valued member of the community and hoped she would consider stepping in and staying in the
96 loop from time to time.

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98 **Trail Ride**

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100 Ms. Sautter noted insurance was an obstacle. The cost for one day was \$280-\$300. TRC said we needed
101 insurance and gave numbers. A neighbor asked if the American Legion could sponsor us and they will and cover
102 insurance. Still need to present to the BOS and get approval to use the property during the pandemic. The trail

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ride will be September 6, 2020. Selectman Myette indicated more is opening and if following CDC and state regulations it may be okay by then. Selectman Landau advised to go to the TRC first. Selectman Myette noted they could get on the agenda with the BOS for July 16th or 23rd. Chair Emily Kunelius indicated it would be nice to have a partnership with that group.

Fall Festival

Chair Emily Kunelius indicated the thought was to skip the Fall Festival because the Town Fair was already cancelled. It was planned for the last Saturday of September. Planning would need to start now. Selectman Landau indicated maybe Emily could step down as the Chair and still be involved. Mrs. LeBlanc noted it would be a cram to contact vendors now. Someone would need to take the lead with planning. Chair Emily Kunelius indicated she kept records from last year and will send those out.

Cows – Bob Pepper proposal

Mr. Pepper proposed having nine animals with \$500 paid up front and \$500 at the end and would ask for a right of first refusal next year. Timeframe would be when approved to set fencing. Chair Emily Kunelius asked if it would be through the end of the year and Mr. Pepper indicated until frost comes. Grazing would be rotational, the fence would need some power from the barn. Selectman Myette asked about use of the buildings and Mr. Pepper said as of now, no. Mr. Pepper indicated the cows would be in the back section. Chair Emily Kunelius noted they would not be rotated.

Chair Emily Kunelius indicated the Committee had voted against having cows on the farm this year with the weather and dryness but may reconsider next year.

High Tunnel Update – Food Truck/Easement

Mr. Ortins indicated they have been battling heat and dryness but are still growing. Used some hay to cool the high tunnel. Mrs. Ortins announced they had got a parking space in Sandown for their food truck and is meeting with Chester's TRC in July. Ms. Snyder added opening day was wonderful. Mrs. Ortins noted she could do Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Sandown from Noon to 5 PM. Mr. Ortins indicated a lot of people just saw us there and came over, they have been very busy.

II. Non-Public Session

Chair Emily Kunelius motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to 91A:3(II)(d) negotiation of lease of real estate. Mrs. LeBlanc seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Chair Emily Kunelius – aye, Vice-Chair LeBlanc – aye, Selectman Myette – aye, Selectman Landau – aye, Ms. Snyder – aye, K-Kunelius – aye, Ms. Sautter – aye. With all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was closed to the public at 7:51 PM.

Chair Emily Kunelius motioned to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes indefinitely. Mrs. LeBlanc seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Chair Emily Kunelius – aye, Vice-Chair LeBlanc – aye, Selectman Myette – aye, Selectman Landau – aye, Ms. Snyder – aye, K-Kunelius – aye, Ms. Sautter – aye. With all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 8:27 PM.

III. Adjournment

Chair Emily Kunelius motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken E-Kunelius – aye, Selectman Myette – aye, Vice-Chair LeBlanc – aye, K-Kunelius – aye,

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156 *Selectman Landau - aye. With all in favor, the motion carried unanimously.*

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158 Respectfully submitted,

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161 Daniel Hoijer,

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