

Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee (SHFAC)
August 21, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Approved Minutes

Members present:

Beth Sautter, Chair
Cindy LeBlanc
Kristina Snyder
Chuck Myette (arrived at 7:28 p.m.)
Kim Rairdon
Ann Podlipny
Mark Desiderio
Stephen O. Landau, Board of Selectmen Liaison

Members absent:

Joe Biedrzycki
Colin Costine, Alternate
Ted Broadwater, Alternate

Guests present:

Julia Webb, Derry Trail Riders
Chester PACT

I. Call to Order

Chair Sautter called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

II. Old Business

A. Attendance

B. Approval of Minutes – July 17, 2023

Mr. Desiderio clarified an expenditure for tables included in the July accounting should be in June. The Treasurer's Report for June may need to be revised as a result.

Ms. Podlipny noted on line 67, there is no requirement for the number of families to participate in the Renewal composting program.

Mr. Desiderio moved to accept the minutes of the July 17, 2023, meeting as amended, with the exception that the Treasurer's Report may need revision. Ms. Rairdon seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

40 **C. Treasurer's Report**

42 Mr. Desiderio reported the total budget for the fiscal year is \$4,500.

44 For July, the barn electricity expense was \$17.28 and the house electricity expense was \$18.13. This leaves a balance of \$2,964.59 in the main fund.

46 For the Advisory Committee, there is an expense of \$59.99 for tables that needs to be moved to the prior fiscal year.

48 *Ms. Snyder moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for July as read. Ms. LeBlanc*
50 *seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed*
52 *unanimously.*

54 **D. Derry Trail Riders**

56 Ms. Julia Webb, president of the Derry Trail Riders, updated the Committee on the annual fundraising trail ride for Mrs. Church's fund scheduled for September 24, 2023. Property they have ridden across in the past to avoid Lane Road has been sold and is not available on that date. So, they have moved the ride to September 17th. She noted there is a tree in the trail that needs to be removed. Mr. Landau will call Town Maintenance to see if this can be taken care of.

60 She contacted Chester Rod & Gun Club regarding a shooting station she observed close to the property line, where loud shooting was occurring. They verified there is a clays event on Saturdays, but there is nothing scheduled on the 17th.

64 She noted they will be riding across the covered bridge at Wason Pond. Ms. Snyder suggested Ms. Webb notify the Wason Pond Recreation Commission of this. Mr. Landau will contact Mr. Chris Hadik, chairman of the Commission. She said they will also need to cross Route 102 and Mr. Landau will research having a policeman supervise the crossing.

70 **E. Cattlemen Update**

72 The cattlemen were not present to provide an update.

74 **F. Geary Farms**

76 Nick and Christy Ortins were not present to provide an update.

G. SHF Brochure Update

78 Chair Sautter passed out copies of the brochure to review. The Committee noted the Comcast channel has changed and a line was truncated, due to a printing issue. The members were complimentary of the final product.

H. Site Plan Status

Mr. Myette reported he has not seen the report from the surveyor, but the survey has been completed.

I. Grant process

Mr. Biedrzycki was not present, but Chair Sautter reported he expected to hear from Eversource by August 1 regarding the grant application. Mr. Myette said he has not received any correspondence from them.

J. Haying Update

Mr. Myette said the fields around the farmhouse and some of the smaller fields on Lane Road have been cut. They are having problems with the equipment, but will continue to cut fields as they can.

K. Town Fair - September 9

Chair Sautter said there will be a table for Spring Hill Farm at the Town Fair. The Committee discussed the logistics of setting up and staffing the table. They agreed to hold silent auctions at various events to distribute a recent donation of prints.

L. Fall Fest - September 23

Ms. LeBlanc reported on the status of planning for the Fall Fest. The Committee discussed vendors, demonstrations, tractors, music, a photo opportunity, hayrides, and food. They also reviewed parking, cleaning the barn and property, signage, vendor locations, Porta Potties, decorating, and having the Maintenance Department mow the lawn. Members volunteered for activities during the day.

M. Chester Conservation Commission Update

Ms. Snyder reported that Jeff Littleton of Moosewood Ecological updated the Conservation Commission on the work being done in Chester and at Spring Hill Farm and shared some of their findings.

III. New Business

A. Next meeting – Monday, September 18, 2023

IV. Adjourn

Ms. LeBlanc moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Hanggeli, Recording Secretary