

**Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee
October 15, 2018
Approved Minutes
7:00 PM**

Attendance

Present:

Chair Kendall Kunelius
Willa Coroka
Emily Kunelius
Chuck Myette
Maryann Boulter
Maria Oakley

Absent:

James Piper
Cass Buckley
Joe Castricone
Colin Costine
Joe Krasowski

Members of the Public Present at Various Times:

Cindy LeBlanc

1. Call to Order – Open Meeting

Chair Kendall Kunelius called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Review of Minutes

Mr. Myette motioned to approve the minutes of September 17, 2018 as written. Chair Kunelius seconded the motion, with all in favor and no abstentions, so moved.

3. Fall Festival

Chair Kendall Kunelius thanked everyone who made the Fall Festival such a success despite the rainy weather. Especially the vendors who stuck it out. The music put on in the barn by Mr. Cassista was enjoyed by everyone. Chair Kunelius suggested having a rain date next year. Mr. Myette suggested focusing on a theme such as farming, agriculture, for example, inviting Ryan's Sugar Shack who leases the North Chester fields. It was discussed whether to have the same date or try Columbus weekend.

The scarecrows and maps brought a lot of attention to the Festival and the Committee would like to continue to work with Jackie Brown and the Historic Society next year.

Mrs. Boulter suggested having more signage, to identify parking and the open house and directions to where events were happening. Chair Kunelius would like to focus on live action demos, getting a cider press, activities that are educational and interactive. Interviewing the vendors to spotlight their goods or services ahead of the festival and focusing on local or handmade goods. Having the whole house open to the public and an area for

children's activities. Setup of textile display and the spinning wheel, using the barn stall spaces to set up or the high tunnel. Chair Kunelius would like to see more interaction on social media, perhaps having a Facebook or Instagram page. Having PACT film stories visitors bring with them about Ms. Church when they visit the Farm. Mrs. Boulter remarked that many asked about the sledding hills. Emily Kunelius advised that three people had signed up to volunteer their time.

Mrs. Reishus suggested combining the Fall Festival with the Town Fair, but it was determined too much activity in one weekend would result in poor turnout. Mr. Myette suggested doing more than one event next year. Ms. Coroka suggested a plant swap with an Agricultural demo and soil sampling information.

Mr. Myette discussed the difficulty with growing pumpkins due to the squash bug infestation. Chair Kendall Kunelius recommended reaching out to UNH to see if they could help. Mrs. LeBlanc recommended staying away from planting the crop that attracted them for at least two seasons and to keep up with weeding.

Mrs. Oakley stated that public turnout gets people interested so that when it comes time to spend money "it becomes a treasure rather than a burden." Mrs. Boulter discussed the condition of the windows that were in need of repair and whether or not to leave the heat on this Winter. Mr. Myette advised the Preservation Society had done full assessment. It was agreed that to alleviate public concerns with the house being empty and preventing damage, it was best to leave the heat on and conduct some meetings there to have a regular presence.

Chair Kendall Kunelius discussed using google docs to keep a working journal. Chair Kendall Kunelius stated she will reach out to Deb Doda about their decision to leave the heat on at the farmhouse and to ask about google docs, social media and finance.

4. Budget & Finance

Ms. Coroka reported the Committee made \$204.00 from vendors and donations at the Fall Festival.

Mr. Myette advised the Town had put up \$500 toward the Committee's annual budget and to consider adding to that or having a separate fund and to do regular reporting. Chair Kendall Kunelius would like to ask Joanne from Finance to attend one of their meetings to advise them on the rules and regulations.

5. Non-Public Session 91-A:3(II)(c) reputation of persons other than a Board Member

Chair Kendall Kunelius motioned to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3(II)(c) reputation of persons other than a Board Member. Mrs. Boulter seconded the motion, with all in favor so moved.

The Meeting room was closed to the public at 7:45 pm.

The Meeting room was reopened to the public at 8:04 pm.

Mr. Myette motioned to seal the minutes. All were in favor, so moved.

6. NEXT MEETING will be on Monday, November 19th at 7:00 pm.

7. Adjournment

Chair Kendall Kunelius motioned to adjourn at 8:04 pm. Ms. Coroka seconded her motion, all in favor, so moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hoijer,
Recording Secretary
(Via Chester PACT stream)