

Spring Hill Farm
Advisory Committee
April 16, 2018
Approved Minutes

Attendance

Present:

Chair Kendall Kunelius

Emily Kunelius

Maria Oakley

Tiffany Coroka

Chuck Myette

Joe Castricone

James Piper

Joe Krasowski

Absent:

Corinna Reishus, Facilitator

Colin Costine

Maryann Boulter

Cass Buckley

Guests:

Cindy LeBlanc

Richard LeBlanc

Call to Order:

Chair Kendall Kunelius called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Ms. Coroka advised that Mrs. LeBlanc was here as a follow up to her Foodscape class. Mrs. LeBlanc was invited to the meeting table and said that the two had toured the farm on Saturday to which they decided that even with the potential access handicapped ramp the spot still looks good.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated that she would be planting annuals which would be out of the ground by the end of the season. She drew up a rough sketch of the plan. Mrs. Coroka stated that if this class was successful they would plan on having more afterward.

Chair Kendall Kunelius called the maintenance of the garden into question. Mrs. LeBlanc said that everyone was here to see the farm go forward and that between the Agricultural Committee, the Spring Hill Farm Trust and the Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee they could all set up a schedule to have their members care for the garden by using a sign-up sheet.

Ms. Coroka stated that they wanted to design a timed irrigation system which Chair Kendall Kunelius said was known as the "rain bird" and would limit the amount of maintenance that the members do.

Chair Kendall Kunelius stated that she doesn't want to have expectations that members will volunteer additional time just because they are serving on the board already.

Mrs. Coroka assured her that there are a lot of people, somewhere numbering 30 and that she wouldn't have to commit to doing everything.

Mr. Myette said that he saw it as a great project that would show results quickly.

Mrs. LeBlanc added that volunteering is contagious and other farms succeed that way. If people saw the board being involved with the farm they would be more inclined to become involved with it.

Ms. Coroka stated that they were still deciding whether to have people pay for the class or not but she would like the class to be free to attend but accept donations to support the farm. Saturday, June 9th is being considered for the date.

Mrs. LeBlanc estimated that it would be less than \$500 to acquire the vegetables needed but she would need to get exact measurements. The Agricultural Commission would be primarily in charge of running that.

Mr. Myette reminded them that when they come up with ideas they usually get put before the BOS and he would encourage people to attend.

Chair Kendall Kunelius advised Mrs. LeBlanc to attend the BOS meeting on the 26th.

Mr. Castricone motioned to recommend the Foodscape Class proposal to the BOS. Mr. Myette seconded his motion, with all in favor, so moved.

Minutes of April 2, 2018

Line 149 change “moved from” to “move to” and line 178 change “seconded her motion” to “seconded his motion”

Chair Kendall Kunelius motioned to accept the minutes amended as above indicated. Mr. Castricone seconded her motion, with all in favor, so moved.

Disc Golf Tournament

Chair Kendall Kunelius was approached by someone asking to hold a disc golf tournament but they were putting it off until later. They wanted it to be done at Wason. Mrs. Oakley thought it would be a problem there since it is open to the public and you can't prevent people from walking in and out and getting hit. Mr. Castricone reminded her that they close that for the Pounder. Mr. Myette stated the easement is for agricultural use and any events should be related to agriculture themes not strictly recreational games. Chair Kendall Kunelius stated that they may have something going on at the farm already when they want to hold the disc golf tournament.

Greenhouse Contract

Chair Kendall Kunelius advised that they should invite Ms. Weaver to the next BOS meeting and prepare her before she attends. Ms. Coroka offered to get in touch with her.

Mr. Myette said that he knew Selectman Trask wanted to advertise the greenhouse to others as well before he could offer it to her.

Mr. Castricone stated that they put out a notice so if anyone was interested to come to this meeting and no one did so they should be all set to proceed with her.

The Committee agreed that Ms. Weaver knew what she was doing and seemed well put together and organized.

Mr. Castricone stated that since they were trying to get caught up they could act on the best ideas as soon as the ideas are available to them. The Committee agreed that it was great that Ms. Weaver was willing to do classes and share information with residents.

Chair Kendall Kunelius motioned to move the proposal forward to the BOS with the support of the committee. Mr. Piper seconded her motion, with all in favor, so moved.

Mr. Castricone said that Mr. Buckley can motion to take care of the lease with legal after it is first accepted by them.

Mr. LeBlanc raised an issue of a vehicle going where it wasn't supposed to on the Farm despite having signs indicating that motorized vehicles were not allowed and suggested that a gate and combo lock would work better.

Mission Statement

Chair Kendall Kunelius passed around three proposals for a Mission Statement and the Board revised and chose one of them.

Chair Kendall Kunelius motioned to accept the Mission Statement as revised. Mr. Castricone seconded her motion, with all in favor, so moved.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Myette suggested that they should do a hike of the trails now that maps are almost done. Mrs. Oakley said she can see what Recreation has planned and set a date for it.

Mr. Castricone reminded everyone that May 10th was the Town Meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Myette motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. Mr. Castricone seconded his motion, with all in favor, so moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Hoijer,

Recording Secretary