

Minutes from the Town of Walpole
Adams Farm Committee (AFC) Meeting
October 5, 2020

A meeting of the Adams Farm Committee was held at Adams Farm on October 5, 2020.

ATTENDING:

- Committee Members: Linda Connors, Ted Hoegler, Liz McAfee, and Jack Wiley
- Others: Pauline Hoegler, John Moon, Alyson Rockwood, and Jana Madanick-Weiss, representing the Dog Dash event to be held on October 31

The meeting was called to order by Jack Wiley at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

A majority of the Committee approved the minutes of the September 9, 2020 meeting.

Event Applications and Updates

- **Dog Dash 10/31/20** – Pauline Hoegler and others supporting the Dog Dash event presented updates to their plans for their 10/31 event at the Adams Farm. They want to:
 - Extend hours so that the event runs from 8 am to 6 pm, allowing dog-related events to be spread out at 15 minute intervals across the morning
 - Include horse events in the afternoon, to be held at 30-minute intervals

The group also reported that events will include single participants or small groups of related participants and that there will be 16 dog dashers, 6 monitors, and 8 horses. Jack indicated that it would be ok for the horse trailers to be parked on the south field and that horse poop needs to be picked up and can be put in the community garden compost area. It was also agreed that spray paint can be used on the grass, an ATV can be used for emergencies, and that there is no need to reapply based on the changes but that the group must coordinate with the Town Board of Health.

A majority of the Committee approved the inclusion of horses in the event.

- **Davis Family holiday party 12/5/20, 11 am to 5 pm** – A majority of the Committee approved this event and the use of a fire pit subject to approval of the fire pit by the Walpole Fire Department and adherence to Board of Health requirements.
- **Boy Scout Troop 44 court of honor 11/1/20, 3 pm to 5 pm** – A majority of the Committee approved this event.
- **Blessed Sacrament School cross-country training runs 3:30 to 4:30, Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday, October** – A majority of the Committee approved these events.

Old Business

- **Pearce Property adjacent to Adams Farm** – Jack reported that the Town Conservation Commission has completed purchase of this property for \$10,000. Jack will investigate whether we can continue a trail through the adjacent county area.
- **Brush hogging** – Jack reported that Mike Lobisser is thinking about getting a brush hogger and could be available to brush hog when he cuts the fields for hay.
- **Application to use the Farm** – Liz reported that she has not yet looked into the problem with application formatting.

Account Balances

Jack reported that as of 8/31/20, AFC accounts held the following amounts:

- Fee Account -- \$13,274.40
- Gift Account -- \$3699.59

New Business

- **Offer of a mulberry tree through the Friends of Adams Farm** – Jack reported that the offer was made and after receiving input about the negative aspects of mulberry trees, FOAF decided to decline the offer.
- **Adams Farm usage fee** -- Jack asked Liz to get information about the Adams Farm Usage Fee Schedule corrected in Section 804 of the BOS Policy and Procedures manual, Usage of Adams Farm Policy and Procedures.
- **FOAF Annual Meeting** – Jack announced that the FOAF annual meeting is scheduled for October 21 at the Farm.

Next Meeting

The Committee agreed to meet again on November 2 at 1 pm. Jack will see if we can meet at Town Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz McAfee, Secretary of the Adams Farm Committee

November 2, 2020