

Minutes from the Town of Walpole**Adams Farm Committee (AFC) Meeting****October 16, 2018**

A meeting of the Adams Farm Committee was held in the Barn at Adams Farm on October 16, 2018.

ATTENDING: Linda Connors, Wayne Ellis, Scott Martin, Liz McAfee, and Jack Wiley.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Wiley at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the August 21 and August 28, 2018 AFC Meetings

- A majority of the Committee approved the minutes of both meetings.

Event Applications and Updates

The following applications to hold events at the Farm were approved by the Committee:

- Cub Scout Meeting – October 25
- Anniversary Party – July 27, 2019 (Liz will notify Ari Shocket so he can plan the 2019 Barn Burner around this date.)

Eagle Scout Project: Trail Map Kiosks

The current status of the kiosks was reviewed:

- The placement of the four kiosks is 1) at Frontier Driver, 2) the field at the end of the blue trail, 3) the end of the road at the gravel field, and 4) at the far corner of the large back field.
- Each kiosk will contain the property overview map prepared by Gary Riggott with numbered markers represented. Scott Martin will get 24 enlargements made in 18" x 18" format, enough for the kiosks and for distribution to the police department and others.

Vegetation Management

- Jack reported that Tru Green sprayed about a month ago; some of the vegetation (like swallow wort) is resistant.
- Jack also reported that:
 - Lime and fertilizer will be applied after the fields are cut.
 - We might want to consider leasing the back field.
 - Wayne suggested putting an ad in the Massachusetts Farm Bureau journal to see if anyone is interested. Wayne will contact the Farm Bureau to see if they can help us evaluate potential use of the approximately 15 acres of field (he will also contact the Massachusetts Horticultural Society).
 - Wayne will also look into swallow wort control.

Dog Flyer

- Jack reported that he doesn't know if the flyer was distributed; he will check at the next Friends of Adams Farm meeting.
- Wayne and Liz will check with companies that do dog poop pickup to see if they can help with the issue at the Farm.

Maintenance Through the Walpole Department of Public Works

- Jack reported that he talked with Bob LeBlanc about giving the DPW some money to compensate someone to help maintain the Farm.
- The Committee indicated that it is ok with a \$2000 - \$3000 expenditure in compensation.
- Jack will talk with Bob LeBlanc again to see if there is interest.

Lehto Trail

Jack reported that we need to ask Matt Nanicelli to mow along the trail.

Miscellaneous Issues

- Jack indicated that he will remind the Friends of Adams Farm that they need to fix the ruts made earlier last summer and that they should put whatever funds are left over toward obtaining black plastic to lay along the fence behind the barn as part of the vegetation management process.
- The Committee indicated it wants Chad Gibson (Cyclocross) to remediate the area near the volleyball court (other worn areas can be left to regrow next spring).
- The Committee agreed that Ari Shocket needs to tell his group's bike riders that they need to stay off the fields when they are training for their bike races.
- Scott indicated that he had to take down markers again after Paul Benson's group held their bike event. As a result, the Committee has agreed to let Paul know that the group cannot come back again if they leave markers up.
- Jack reported that Vintage Thymes had to cancel their market event and that the AFC returned their fee.

AFC Accounts

Jack gave the following information about AFC accounts:

- AFC Fee Account – contains \$8194.40 as of 9/30/18. \$1000 was returned to Vintage Thymes.
- AFC Gift Account – contains \$2949.59 as of 9/30/18.

Old Business

- Jack reported that he forgot to attend the Board of Selectmen's meeting to which he was invited. He is now scheduled to attend the 12/18 meeting.
- There was general discussion of farm projects supported by the Friends of Adams Farm.
- Jack and Scott will look into whether the stone wall in front of the farm on North St. can be removed.

New Business

Liz suggested that the Committee might want to meet with all stakeholders (for example, those who lead the community garden and tend the bee hives, as well as the Friends of Adams Farm) to discuss their current status and future plans. After some discussion, the Committee decided to table the suggestion.

Next Meeting

The Committee agreed to meet again on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz McAfee, Secretary of the Adams Farm Committee

January 8, 2019