

Minutes from the Town of Walpole
Adams Farm Committee (AFC) Meeting
January 4, 2021

A meeting of the Adams Farm Committee was held via Zoom on January 4, 2021.

ATTENDING:

- Committee Members: Rob Belcher, Linda Connors , Wayne Ellis, Ted Hoegler, Liz McAfee, and Jack Wiley
- Yvette Morrill, representing the Friends of Adams Farm

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A majority of the Committee approved the minutes of the December 7, 2020 with the stipulation that the incorrect sum (\$3003.92) for fence paint be corrected to \$303.92.

Friends of Adams Far (FOAF)Activities

Yvette Morrill presented the following updates to the AFC Committee:

- **Community Garden Fence Replacement** – Yvette reported that FOAF has received a quote from Fences by Legge & Sons for replacing the fence around the community garden at the Farm and that they have also received approval for a grant from the Crockett Fund to help pay for the fence, as follows:
 - Legge replacement quote -- \$10,637 (including tax)
 - Crockett Fund grant 2, 800
 - Remainder 7,837

Yvette suggested that the remainder be split evenly between FOAF and the AFC, with each contributing \$3,918.50. Jack indicated that there should not be a charge for state sales tax.

After some discussion, it was decided that Yvette will get clarification on the fence mesh size and sales tax exemption with Legge. A majority of the Committee approved funding half the remainder amount, subject to review of Yvette's clarification on mesh size, tax exemption, and final quote from Legge at the next meeting of the Committee (2/1/21).

Jack will also seek clarification on who to write the AFC payment check to.

- **2021 Garden Plot Fees** – Yvette reported that she has received several checks for garden plots and she will deposit them in the AFC Fee Account .

Event Applications and Updates

- **Cub Pack 44** – Liz reported that the Pack would like to use their already approved March 21 meeting for their Pinewood Derby model car race, starting at 11 am instead of at their usual 1 pm meeting time and ending around 2 pm. The Committee decided that – since there are no other events scheduled at the Farm on March 21 -- the Pack's request for a time extension is approved and they do not have to reapply.
- **Davis Family fee/gift** – Liz reported that the Davis family would like to convert the fee for their cancelled event to a donation to Adams Farm. Jack will check on the process for doing this.

Old Business

- **Berenson donation to Adams Farm** – Liz reported that she sent a thank you email to Stephanie Berenson for her generous donation.
- **Vegetation management** – Jack reported that Michael Lobisser is going to do the brush hogging himself since the person he thought would do it is not available. Lobisser will do it this spring if the ground is sound enough or will wait until next year.
- **Adams Farm Committee web page on the Walpole Town website** – Linda suggested that we see about putting the Farm calendar on the web page. Liz will follow up with Aoife Kelly.
- **Fee schedule for professional photographer use of Adams Farm** – Jack reported that the Select Board has approved an annual fee (January 1 through December 31) and a semiannual fee (July 1 through December 31) for professional photographers. Liz will ask Aoife to add this to the application to use Adams Farm that is available through the AFC web page on the Town web site. Liz will also see about putting a notice of the new fees on the AFC web page and will ask Yvette to post a notice on the kiosk at the Farm and on the FOAF web site.
- **Millis High School senior Capstone project** – Jack reported that there is nothing new.
- **Unleashed dogs/contact with Animal Control** – Jack indicated that there is nothing new.
- **Trail maintenance** – Jack reported the following:
 - Some limbs are down on the trails.
 - FOAF volunteers have done water diversion on the Blue Trail.
 - In conjunction with the Town Trails Committee, there will be a review of the trail along the powerline and the area along the Pearce property with an eye to completing the existing trail. Rob asked to be part of the review process, and Jack indicated that he has given Rob's name as a volunteer to Roy Noepel of FOAF.

New Business

- **Flag replacement** – Jack reported that he is talking with Patrick Shield and a Veterans' Affairs Officer about purchasing two flags to be used at the Farm. A majority of the Committee approved the funds to purchase the flags.

Next Meeting

The Committee agreed to meet again on February 1 at 1 pm via Zoom, with Rob as the contact for Zoom information.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz McAfee, Secretary of the Adams Farm Committee

February 1, 2021