

Minutes from the Town of Walpole**Adams Farm Committee (AFC) Meeting****August 28, 2018**

A meeting of the Adams Farm Committee was held in the Barn at Adams Farm on August 28, 2018.

ATTENDING: Linda Connors, Wayne Ellis, Liz McAfee, and Jack Wiley. Also present were:

- Eagle Scout John Chiodo

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

Minutes of the May 22, 2018, AFC Meeting

- A majority of the Committee approved the minutes of the May 22 meeting.

Event Applications and Updates

The following applications to hold events at the Farm were approved by the Committee (or reported cancelled):

- Cyclocross – October 8, with setup October 7
- After School Suspension Youth Bike Event – September 8 and 15
- Cub Scout meetings – September 13 and 27 and October 18
- Alopecia 5k – October 20
- Cancelled: Album Release party – August 21
- Chef's Table Great Grilled Cheese Festival – October 21
- Blue Hills Cycling – August 21, 22, and 29 (in the future, we need to remind them to keep off the fields)
- Young Life Walkathon – October 14
- Community Garden Pot Luck Dinner – August 19

An informal request by a parent of a couple of young people to have a lemonade stand occasionally at the Farm was discussed, and it was agreed that Jack Wiley will contact the requesting parent to talk about the usual fee charged for commercial events. The request was temporarily tabled.

Eagle Scout Project: Trail Map Kiosks

John Chiodo reported on his Eagle Scout project plans for marking and mapping trails at Adams Farm:

- Two kiosks have been installed, and two more will be installed in the next week or two.

It was reported that Gary Riggott is working on the trail maps and may have them completed by next spring.

Trail Marking

- About half the trails are currently marked.
- Scott reported that he can finish the rest himself but will let us know if he needs help.

Vegetation Management

- The Friends of Adams Farm (FOAF) will provide the funds for spraying along North Street, along the entry drive, and on the road back into the woods.
- FOAF also voted to:
 - Buy a brush trimmer to cut close to the fence
 - Pay for lime and fertilizer for the front field (\$2700.00) to be applied by Tru Green

Dog Poop Issue

- Jack reported that Alan Marshall is working on a flyer to be distributed to visitors to the Farm. FOAF will pay for production of 400 flyers, and Alan will call on volunteers to distribute them.
- Liz has volunteered to research poop disposal options.

Lehto Trail

Jack reported the following:

- Wood chips are all distributed.
- Some brush-hogging and poison ivy spraying may have been done.
- Matt Nanicelli will mow adjacent to the wood chip trail.
- The Lehto family sent a thank you note for the bench.

AFC Accounts

Jack Wiley reported that he has been asked to go before the BOS on September 18 to discuss the AFC event fee structure. Jack also gave the following information about AFC accounts:

- Current AFC Fee Account – contains \$9194.40
- Current AFC Gift Account – contains \$2949.59

Jack also reported that FOAF would like to join the AFC at the next (October) AFC meeting to discuss which projects the AFC wants done at the Farm. The following related ideas were discussed:

- Stone fence repair.
- FOAF and AFC income and expenses.
- FOAF proposal to lay tarp along the fence behind the Barn, approximately 20 feet deep and 100 feet long. A majority of the AFC approved a motion to support vegetation management in that

area by using black on white poly-film (5.5 mil) ground cover to kill roots and seeds of unwanted vegetation, followed by a planting of wildflower seeds.

Old Business

- Truck ruts -- \$1800 in remediation payment was made to FOAF for filling and reseeding.
- Memorials – per an earlier agreement with FOAF, no physical memorials are to be placed at the Farm.
- Boy Scout cleanup project – overhang cleanup is supposed to take place this fall.

New Business

Jack Wiley reported the following:

Tom McKenna of NEMBA (New England Mountain Bike Association) has requested that they be allowed to build bridges over some wet spots on the back Frontier Drive area and another toward the power line. The AFC will consider this matter further when we have more information.

Next Meeting

The Committee agreed to meet again on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 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

October 16, 2018