

Steele Farm Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes 6/16/15

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Bruce Hager at 7:35pm. Attending members were Bruce Hager, Jeanne Kangas, and Ed Whitcomb. Also attending: Bob Stemple, Selectman liaison to the committee.

Minutes. We approved minutes from the 5/19/15 meeting.

Barn restoration project update. Dave Lindberg is getting his part of the bid package ready and Selina will get to work on her part when she returns from vacation. Hopefully, the package will go out to bid early July and we can choose a contractor by late July. It's important to get this project started, as painting the exterior of the barn is an important part and requires weather not too cold.

Electric consumption update. It appears that the extra \$500.00 added to our budget last year is just about right to cover the added electrical expenses to keep the basement of the house safe from freezing.

Management Plan/Conway School project status. We considered the sketchy final design suggestions, and emphasized the importance of maintaining some agricultural use of the Farm, especially haying the field annually, and keeping the main trail open for visitors year 'round. Bruce is collecting comments from stakeholders and concerned residents, and will forward those to the Conway planners by the end of the day this Thursday.

Discuss possible encumbrances. Moved: To approve balance left in budget approximately \$500.00 for grounds maintenance materials. Building materials for land maintenance are needed. VOTED unanimously.

Discuss Farm House drainage. We unanimously favor having drainage work done around the Farm House to protect and preserve the foundation. Discussed proposal from Town Engineer, and VOTED unanimously to seek \$3,000 from CPA funds for engineering design. Ed and Bruce to speak with Building Inspector Dave Lindberg about the plans.

Discuss Gerry Gaebel's Memo re livestock options. We presently can't accommodate any livestock grazing on the property, due to vehicular traffic and fencing to service the livestock, among other concerns.

Missing lid from dog waste receptacle. Bruce will obtain a new barrel with a lid and tether the lid to the surrounding cage for the barrel.

Next Meeting. The June meeting will be scheduled for July 21 at 7:30PM at Town Hall.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Ed Whitcomb, Clerk