

Steele Farm Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes 12/29/15

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Ed Whitcomb at 7:04pm. Attending member was Bruce Hager. Also attending: Bob Stemple, Selectman liaison to the committee and Jim Moss Boxborough resident.

Minutes. We will go over the minutes from the November 24th meeting at our next meeting.

Barn restoration project update. The punch list for the project was issued on November 23rd and there has been little progress.

Review Christmas tree sale. The sale netted \$1,470.00 and has been deposited in the Steele Farm revolving fund. It was recommended that we have our sale on the first Saturday in December each year until we are out of trees. We will advertise earlier next year.

Review capital plan. Ed met with Ted Kail of the finance committee to go over the future capital needs for the farm. Items discussed and amounts are as follows: House items: drainage-10k, roof- 10k, siding, windows, and trim- 110k, paint exterior- 15k, sill work and interior floor repair- 15k, and chimney and foundation pointing and repair-5k.

Other items discussed. The selectmen approved our request to spend 3k of our revolving fund for the town engineers to design a drainage system for the house.

The Selectmen asked us to try to find someone to hire to assess the house as to the cost to repair and maintain the building or to restore it.

Picnic tables have been ordered.

The pruning of apple trees on the property was discussed. We would like it done but need to find the volunteers do it. December 1 to March 1 is the best time to do it.

Ed will turn on the heat in the house.

Next Meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for the 19th of January at 7PM. In the town hall.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Submitted by Ed Whitcomb

Minutes ADOPTED January 19, 2016