

KATAMA FARM STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 7, 2021

Present: Avakian, Carlson, Varkonda, Steinberg, Michel, Athearn, Kontje (joined at 12:50).

The Committee reviewed the draft map supplied by Varkonda. Avakian suggested making the community garden area larger.

The Committee discussed the email from Andrew Woodruff. Michel suggested that the farmer could sublet an area for other farmers to lease.

Varkonda noted that she forgot to include the area of the greenhouses in the land for the educational aspect.

Jon Previant suggested that if the committee wants to reserve an area of the farm for others to use outside the boundaries of the farming operation leased area that it be situated in a corner of the farm which requires the least amount of new fencing infrastructure.

The committee discussed if more weight for the awarding of the ag lease should be given to those willing to sublet.

Sam Hart and Jon Previant stated that the educational aspect of the farm needs 10-15 acres for rotational grazing of barnyard animals.

Previant noted that access to water would be needed for educational grazing land and any sublease for farming.

Michel noted that the access on the map to the cow barn for the farming operation is just to demonstrate the legal access needed for the lease terms.

Rachel Gilker suggested that the dirty details of the farming and educational operation be worked out in the terms of the lease.

Avakian made a motion to lease 140 acres to the farming enterprise and add up to 20 acres to the educational enterprise. Michel seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous: Avakian, Steinberg, Michel, Varkonda, Kontje, Athearn, Carlson.

It was noted that if the educational operation wants to sublet some of their land it should be for the rate that they are obligated to pay under the lease.

Sam Hart gave an update of recent farming activities and visits from educational groups.

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 by unanimous roll call vote.

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