

KATAMA FARM STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2021

Present: Avakian; Carlson, Varkonda, Athearn, Michel,
Steinberg, Kontje

The committee reviewed the draft map of the education and ag. land. Varkonda noted that she forgot to add the area of the greenhouses for the educational portion.

The committee reviewed a list of questions from Karen Burke (see attached).

1. Yes
2. Take out the shared spaces
3. No, that we hope will be a cooperative venture between the ag and educational operations.
4. Agreed
5. Yes
6. No buildings or permanent structures may be placed on the land south of Aero Ave.
7. Yes year round and scholarships. Lindsay stated that TTOR offered full and partial scholarships to anyone who requested one and all local school children got a 20% discount.
8. The committee had yet to determine the% increase
9. Yes an area around the silos is leased by ATT
10. Yes

Michel motion to approve the minutes, Carlson second. Unanimous by roll call vote.

There was discussion of how much land should be given to the agricultural and educational aspects. Andrew Woodruff advocated for more land for start up farmers. Previant noted that the educational operation seems to have plenty of land for their needs based on past experience.

Kontje asked if subleases should have a size limit. It was noted that subleases have to be approved by the town and are therefore subject to review.

Carlson noted that the ag rent was kind of low.

Varkonda noted that she would be updating the Conservation Commission on progress to date and proposed rents, etc at this afternoon's Commission meeting.

Avakian motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:30, Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimous by roll call voted.

Approved.

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Tue, Jan 12, 2021 at 2:14 PM

Hi, Jane,

Below are some questions / issues for the Committee to consider at its meeting tomorrow.

1. Will the community garden continue to be used as a community garden consistent with prior use?
2. I understand the only shared space will be the area shown in gray? Will this only be used as a right of way for each tenant? For other uses as well? Will they share equally in the cost of maintaining and repairing it?
3. Has the Committee decided not to allow the education enterprise to use the perimeter of the southern pasture for farm tours?
4. Should the documents provide that the farming tenant can elect to use the old farm stand, and that if it does, it will move it off of the education piece? And perhaps there should be a defined timeframe for the farming tenant to do this, so that the education tenant will know and can plan accordingly?
5. Are the two greenhouses within the education area, for use by the education enterprise?
6. Are there limits on the uses that can be made in certain areas?
7. For the rubric for Appropriate Use, are there other factors the Committee would like to add for the education enterprise? For example, year round programming, affordability, etc.?
8. For the educational enterprise, does the Committee want to charge a base rent for any tenant, with an additional amount if the enterprise is a for-profit entity? If so, a percentage of income or profit, a set amount, something else?

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9. Am I correct that there is a cell tower within either of these lease areas, which is subject to a different lease and thus should be excepted from these lease areas?

10. Does the Committee want to have public meetings for presentations by bidders (or the top bidders if there are many) to allow for presentations, questions, etc.? I have seen elsewhere where that helped to understand and flesh out what was being proposed.

Thanks,

Karen

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