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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Hogarty called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members in attendance and seated were Tom Hogarty, Paul McGuinness, Brice McLaughlin, William Tobelman, Alec Martin and Stephanie Warren. Alternate Mike Drew was also present but not seated.

There was a moment of silence for the passing of Judy Lentz and Brice McLaughlin's mother.

2. Minutes of December 21, 2021

Motion by Warren, second by McLaughlin, to approve December 21, 2021 Minutes as written. Passed Unanimously.

3. Visitors – Cathy lino.

4. Communications and Bills – none.

5. Old Business

(a) Running Brook Farms, Extension Request, Jan. 1, 2022 to Mar. 31, 2022

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Scott Papoosha and Jodi Weaver from Running Brook Farms were present. Papoosha and Weaver noted they are requesting an extension of the 4 week period between January 1 and March 31. With the amount of wood they process and the temperatures/weather, it's hard to get everything processed in that period of time. Mike Drew asked if they were taking in more material than they can handle with the 4 week period. Papoosha noted if there is bad weather, we can't work within that 4 week period. McGuinness noted then it's a volume and weather issue.

Weaver noted they are the only DEEP approved processing service in Killingworth, Chester, Deep River and the volume varies. Papoosha noted Chester and Deep River bring 70% of their yard waste. There aren't too many Ash trees left. Warren noted an Ash tree crashed into her house. Weaver noted there should be some regulations on how to address the Ash Borer issue.

Drew asked if they were accepting more trees than they can process in the 4 week period. Papoosha replied they are taking in the same amount of trees we have been taking in for years. Winter weather, global warming, cold weeks and snow are problems. We can't grind when it's freezing weather. Weaver noted it's the ability to work, not the amount of grinding.

McGuinness asked if all material would be placed in bins. Weaver replied yes. She also reviewed the moving of material off site. Warren asked what percentage of material goes in the bins and rest outside. Papoosha noted most of it goes into the bins. Some woods are not good for making mulch. He indicated everything ground is separated and mulch goes into the bins. The rest goes to Deep River.

Hogarty and McLaughlin noted they were in support of the request and we should support Running Brook Farms and its business.

Martin noted one main concern is the transport of material with insects is not being spread all over the place.

Tobelman noted he did not have any further comment.

Papoosha noted 50% of the wood comes from Killingworth, Clinton, Deep River and Madison and the other 50% other towns.

McGuinness asked if the volume being processed can be weighed by the ton and tracked so that next year we don't have to ask the same questions. Papoosha replied yes, they could do that.

Warren had no further questions.

Motion by Tobelman, second by McGuinness, to approve Running Brook Farms request to extend the grinding period from January 1 to March 31, and to store all processed materials in their existing bins and to also provide information to Planning & Zoning regarding the

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volume of wood processed (inCYs) by RBF during the first quarter of this year. Passed Unanimously with Warren abstaining.

(b) 2022 Meeting Schedule

Motion by Martin, second by Tobelman, to approve 2022 Meeting Schedule for submission to the Town Clerk. Passed Unanimously.

6. New Business

(a) Appointment of Zoning Enforcement Official

Vice Chairman Hogarty introduced Tom Talbot, newly appointed Zoning Enforcement Officer (at last meeting).

7. Zoning Enforcement Officer's Report – no report.

8. Report of Officers and Subcommittees

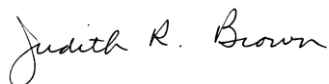
(a) Ash Borer Report

It was noted the Ash Borer was already discussed earlier in the meeting.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary