Lampson Brook Farm Board of Directors

Minutes: October 2, 2023

Board Attendance: David Haines, Jonathan Spiegel, Tammy Ryan, Gerard Kennedy, Bob

O'Connor

Introductions: Each person introduced themselves. The Board discussed the minutes from the March 27th meeting and voted unanimously to approve with the correction that Gerard Kennedy attended the meeting.

A board member reported that the two local state legislators had been contacted regarding how to move the Lampson Brook Farm project forward. The legislators reported that the legislative legal counsel felt that no additional language was needed to the original law.

It was reported that DCAMM had extended the NESFI lease through the end of 2023 and that an extension for the lease through 2024 was being discussed.

Doug Albertson of the Town reported that the agricultural innovation bylaw for the LBF Enterprise Zone was passed at Town Meeting in the Spring and approved by the Attorney General. Thanks to Doug for all his work on this significant achievement.

The Board discussed actions that it may take to move the transfer of land into permanent conservation and stewardship. Board members agreed to contact the Governor's Office and the new Office of Rural Affairs to ask for help in moving the project forward. In addition, a motion was made authorizing Tammy Ryan of the Board to send the letter sent to the previous DCAMM Commissioner earlier this year to the newly appointed DCAMM Commissioner with additional historical information on the LBF project and to request a meeting between the DCAMM Commissioner and the LBF Board to find ways to move the LBF Board's mission forward. The motion was adopted unanimously.

A public member asked if the amendments to the legislation are needed for reasons other than gaining cooperation with DCAMM (for example, amending certain dates and amending the Trust Fund language). Board members agreed that figuring out a way to gain the cooperation of DCAMM was the first issue that needed to be resolved.

The Board then voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:45.