

# **Barnstable County Agricultural Society**

## **Executive Board Meeting**

**May 13, 2020**

**Present:** Joe Amaral, Jay Zavala, Randy Aronson, Susan Forte, Lynn Barry, Judy Flynn, Pat Briggs, Karen Schwalbe, Judy Collins, Russ Norton, and Wendy Brown.

**Absent:** Joe Brait.

Meeting was held via Zoom call due to ongoing pandemic.

Jay Zavala welcomed the board hoping everyone is healthy and safe.

### **Old Business:**

Solar update: The 6<sup>th</sup> iteration of the lease agreement has been received and is under review to be sent to attorney for approval. Revenue estimates are looking much higher than anticipated with an estimated 510,000 per year. We will have battery storage currently looking at lots 1, reserve, 3 and 4, site to be determined. Battery storage will give us additional income. Eversource currently 2-3 weeks out for interconnect.

The society had received an unexpected and unsolicited solar proposal. The board has unanimously voted to dismiss the proposal and proceed with currently plans with Solsystems.

### **New Business:**

The dog show scheduled for September has been cancelled. The next event would be the Beer festival, given the current circumstances it is unclear whether any fall events will be allowed, including the Harvest Festival. Due to the risk of loss of revenue due possibility of cancellations last minute and the expense of wasted marketing for such event.

Motion to cancel all events through the end of the year by Pat Briggs and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynn Barry, all in favor, none opposed, so moved.

Karen posed the question of What are we doing to uphold our vision during this pandemic?

Russ will be going to the fair grounds with volunteers to establish and maintain the gardens to produce food for community and local food pantry's.

Solsystems will be replacing fencing in the reserve lot and lot one, they will also be assuming responsibility for mowing. Wendy and Mike will be completing cosmetic upgrades to buildings and ticket booths.

Wendy will be consulting our insurance company to decrease costs of insurance while grounds are not being used.

Scholarships: Currently there are 8 students getting scholarships and will continue to get them provided they are continuing with school in the fall. Currently verifying recipients intentions in the fall. Any new scholarship awards will be postponed until at least January 2021.

State of the Fairgrounds: Wendy states the fairgrounds are in great shape, lawns are well kept and mowed.

Still trying to navigate the financial impacts of the current situation, with loans received we are currently in stable position. Solsystems is also willing to put up 25% at ground breaking for approx. 127,000 as opposed to the initial at 50,000.

Wendy has been approached with a proposal from FVA regarding drive in movies at the fairgrounds. Details are being worked out to ensure no liability for fairgrounds. Stay tuned.

Jay requesting a motion to approve the 2020-2021 budget. Joe Amaral motion to approve, second by Pat Briggs. All in favor, none opposed. So moved.

Joe Brait has resigned as VP of the executive board effective immediately. He will be missed.

Motion to adjourn by Joe second by Pat.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Forte

Secretary

**Next Meeting: June 17, 2020 5PM via Zoom**