

Winthrop Field Committee May 15, 2021 Virtual

Present: Mike Chapman, Chair, Matt Brzezinski, Mike Carvalho, Gar Morse, Jim Moroney, Tony Leggett and Sue Thorne

Absent: none

Also present: Consultant, Ben Rossi

Mike called the meeting to order at 8:30.

Minutes from the May 8, 2021 meeting were amended as follows: Mike Carvalho, Matt Brzezinski and Sue Thorne all agreed to serve another three year term. The spelling of Mike Carvalho's name was corrected. Minutes were then approved as amended.

Mike reported on his and Sue's visit to Ken Lane's Farm in Rockport. Ken's equipment in all respects is similar to Bill Perkins. His mowing business is extensive. The bales will be roll type. Ken's and Bill Perkin's bids were similar with Lane coming in at \$300 less. Both gentlemen indicated that mowing dates are very dependent on field conditions and both would try their best to meet the desired July date for the first mowing.

After discussion, it was moved and seconded to award the one year contract to Ken Lane. The vote was unanimous. The committee discussed the possibility of a tree to be planted along the Bridge Street wall with a plaque in recognition of the more than 30 years that Bill Perkins has tended our field with great care. Mike and Sue will do some follow up with placement, the Friends of Manchester Trees, and the Town to determine an appropriate tree and its placement. Mike will follow up with Ken regarding liability insurance.

Given that we are experiencing a spell of dry weather, Mike will contact Dash Drains to see if they can come in and start the drain clearing process.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2021 at 8:30 at the Jersey Lane Gate.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Thorne