

Horses:

- Current herd stands at 23.
- Horse workload efficiency for the fall program 2020 (Sept through Dec):
 - Maximum available horse usage (all horses working at their maximum availability) was 2544 units over 12 weeks.
 - Actual available horse usage (this is maximum less unsound or unwell horses) was 2483 units, 97% of maximum.
 - Actual utilized horse usage was 1309 units, this equals 53% of actual available usage
This is a very similar number to Fall 2019, but the herd size 20% smaller

For your reference, herd utilization stats:

Fall semester 2019 = 55%

Winter semester 2020 = 55%

Spring semester 2020 = 0%**

Summer semester 2020 = 19%**

**This actual usage number is considerably lower than the same time period in 2019, due to the restrictions in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Building & Grounds:

~The majority of the capital improvements originally slated for the entirety of FY 20-21 have been suspended and postponed. Some projects may proceed if donor funding can be secured to cover their costs. No facilities are in disrepair or pose a safety risk to humans or horses, so this temporary suspension or extension of these projects to later years should be inconsequential.

LED upgrade: The CT Energy Incentive Fund, a financial incentive program offered through Eversource to encourage energy efficiency upgrades, offered very high incentives this spring due to the lack of activity from the fund due to COVID restrictions/lack of interest in the community that would have normally drawn down the continually collected revenue to the fund from consumer's payments.

The current incentives were 80%, when we last explored this project they were considerably less at closer to 25%.

Luckily we were able to take advantage of the offering and will be underway with upgrading our lighting throughout the grounds this spring. The project is required to be completed by June 30, 2020. The balance due from us on the project cost will be paid directly to Eversource on a monthly installment financed at 0%, which will take us approximately 3 years to pay off. The cost of the financed project in addition to our upgraded utility monthly cost is projected to be \$200 per month less than what we are currently paying for our monthly electric bill!

Staff

Our caretaker, Ruth Denya, has agreed to sign on for another year of her duties. This is great news and gives us continued stability in that role – onsite horse care in an emergency, especially critical as the COVID pandemic continues and during an especially challenging series of major weather events.

Respectfully submitted,

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