

Weston Town Committee for the Oversight of the Lachat Property

MINUTES

August 14, 2012

Present: Ellen McCormick, Paul Deysenroth, Nicholas Bell, Judy Saffan, Amy Kalafa, Carol Baldwin

Absent: Sheila Koehler

Presided By: Ellen McCormick,

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m.

This was the first meeting of this committee.

Future Meetings: Amy asked that we set a schedule for meetings. Our regularly scheduled meetings will be held on the FIRST TUESDAY of each month at 7:30p.m. with the location to be determined. We anticipate that the committee will need to meet more than once per month, at least initially.

Status Report on Farmhouse: Ellen made a motion that was seconded by Judy, and unanimously approved, to hold an information gathering meeting between the architect Robert Hatch and available committee members that will be scheduled to take place before the end of the month. Proposals, which have been submitted from townspeople for the use of the farmhouse and farm, were distributed to the committee for review. Ellen will also do synopses of these same proposals and distribute these to the committee via email. The committee discussed the importance of determining and getting timely approval from the BOS for the "use" of the farmhouse, as a first step, so that the architect and others specified in the CT Trust planning grant, which was awarded to the town and expires at the end of this year, can move forward with their planning work. Nicholas mentioned the importance of fixing the house's heating system which led to a discussion of various options for heating the house, and there was some discussion of the question of a publicly accessible handicap bathroom.

Farm Planning: For the sake of time, a full discussion of farming related issues on the property will be postponed to our next meeting.

Committee officer election: Paul made a motion to have Ellen McCormick serve as the Chairperson for the Committee, Judy seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Ellen asked the committee to consider who from our community might be appropriate to serve as ex-officio members of the committee, for example, a school representative, or a farming expert.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON Tuesday, September 4 AT 7:30 PM.

(Minutes submitted by Carol Baldwin.)