

Agenda

Lachat Town Farm Commission Monthly Meeting
Town Hall Meeting Room
Tuesday, February 2nd, 2016

- A. Approve January 5, 2016 minutes.
- B. Committee's Review:

Facility Committees:

1. Community Garden and Children's Garden/Greenhouse - Kat McConnaughey & Michelle Fracasso
 - a. **additional garden beds in CG - need costs of materials and timeline**
 - b. **discussion on finding help for Kat at the CG and interns in Apr/May**
 - c. **discuss CG responsibilities concerning deposits and jobs that need to be done.**
 - d. **greenhouse update - Ellen**
 - e. **discuss the need for fencing around children's garden area-in CT AG dept. grant**
 - f. discussion about flowers around the garden and having interns planting those gardens
 - g. **discuss possibility of enlarging the garden for more raised beds**
2. Farmhouse Committee – Carol Baldwin report
 - a. update porch construction and greenhouse foundation status
 - b. update on heat and electric
 - c. interior work: removal of paint, mold, mildew, etc.
 - d. **discussion of FH kitchen design and kitchen equipment needs for FH and garage apt.**
 - e. **timing for when kitchen will be put in and completed.**
3. Grounds Committee
 - a. **possible surveillance of the property for security**
 - b. list of projects for volunteers - clean out loft of barn, weed around garden, move dirt piles
 - c. list organizations willing to send volunteers
 - d. mowing of upper and lower fields and liming of lower field to deter invasives.
4. Farm Committee – Production Garden
 - a. get soil test done - discuss soil ph
 - b. crop plan for 2016 planting - contingent on having a farmer/educator to tend garden
 - c. chicken coop?
 - d. discussion about flowers around the garden and having interns planting those gardens

Operations Committees:

5. Program Committee:
 - a. **list of possible programs and dates for 2016- Sue Parkison and Lily Edelman-Burns - nail down dates**
 - b. **Set up follow up meeting with Michelle Albright to discuss programs this summer.**
 - c. **enlist volunteers to help run programs**
6. **Fund-Raising and Events Committee:**
 - a. Create Committee - outside volunteers?
 - b. **list of potential events - Flea Market/Tailgate Tag Sale, Mid-Winter event, etc.**
 - i. **set up committee and chair of the committee - this is a six month project**
 - ii. **committee to prepare a proposal for the commission on how it will be conducted, where, how many vendors, etc., etc.**
 - iii. List of grants to write for 2016
 - c. discussion concerning the barn planning grant - Ed Parker
7. PR/Outreach Committee
 - a. develop plan to provide information to schools and local websites about the farm and its upcoming programs - who will do this?
 - b. reach out to schools through Michelle Albright and social media - need a plan
 - c. Website discussion - Facebook, FOL website, twitter, instagram, etc. - Logo design

- d. connect community garden communication and responses, etc. with the website
- e. Molly Moseley and NCC design students update

8. Farmers Market committee: - Elizabeth Zeppernick

- a. Discuss Elizabeth's ideas for the farmer's market**
- b. discuss ideas and get research going on what can be done and who we should approach**

C. New Business

- a. Kiwanis looking for projects - make a list - **where to put the junk taken out of the barn**
 - 1. help clean up large logs - split and pile
 - 2. clean up bank
 - 3. told them they can use the garages to make picnic tables in exchange for two tables and some bluebird houses for the farm
 - 4. help take down all the wood from the loft in the barn-- **where to put the junk taken out of the barn**
 - 5. help take out fencing around children's garden so we can clean it out and get ready for the spring planting.
 - 6. Steve Thomas needs to know when he can get into the garage apt. to build tables**
 - 7. Garage Apt. Cleanup - B. Gross getting an estimate for work**
- b. **Candidates - new names (2) of people interested in being on the commission by next meeting**

**We have a large agenda and the priority items for discussion are in boldface type.