

Agenda

Lachat Town Farm Commission Monthly Meeting
Town Hall Meeting Room
Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 7:30pm

- A. **Approval of minutes from the October 6th , 2015 minutes.**
- B. **Post mortem on 2015 season**
- C. **Discussion of the Flea Market/Tailgate Tag Sale Event for 2016 in school parking lot**
 - a. **set up committee and chair of the committee - this is a six month project**
 - b. **committee to prepare a proposal for the commission on how it will be conducted, where, how many vendors, etc., etc.**
- D. **Discuss CT Ag Viability Grant for 2015 and Farmland Restoration grant - what to include**
- E. **Discuss refurbishing the garage apartment - town committed to helping with cleanup**
- F. **Request all receipts and accounting for classes that have been held.**
- G. Reports from the following :
 - 1. Community Garden and Children's Garden
 - a. **creating more garden plots in CG - Mike Smith and Ed Parker**
 - b. discussion on finding help for Kat at the CG
 - c. **preliminary discussion on what children's garden should look like - Michelle Fracasso**
 - d. discussion about flowers around the garden and having interns planting those gardens
 - e. **discuss the need for fencing around children's garden area-possible grant item**
 - 2. Farm Committee – Production Garden
 - a. **discussion concerning the barn planning grant - Ed Parker**
 - b. get soil test done - discuss soil ph
 - c. crop plan for 2016 planting - contingent on having a farmer/educator to tend garden
 - f. pick up of the chicken coop? - Ed Parker
 - g. **discussion about flowers around the garden and having interns planting those gardens**
 - 3. Programming Committee:
 - a. **list of possible programs and dates for 2016- Sue Parkison and Lily Edelman-Burns**
 - b. **volunteer recruitment to help run programs**
 - c. **daffodil planting on Nov. 14th**
 - 4. **Fund-Raising Events Committee:**
 - a. Create Committee - outside volunteers?
 - b. list of potential events
 - c. designate grants to write
 - 5. **Farmhouse Committee – Carol Baldwin report**
 - 1. porch foundation in the process this week along with greenhouse foundation
 - 2. Heat and electric
 - 3. Indoor work: removal of paint, mold, mildew, etc.
 - 6 Grounds Committee
 - a. **possible surveillance of the property to prevent stealing**
 - b. list of projects for volunteers - clean out loft of barn, weed around garden, move dirt piles
 - c. make list of organizations willing to send volunteers
 - d. have fields mowed and the lower field limed. We are getting more and more invasive species because the ph balance is too low.
 - 7. PR/Outreach Committee
 - a. develop information plan to disseminate 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

8. Discussion of building the children's garden in spring of 2016 - Michelle Fracasso

H. Website discussion - Facebook, Friends of Lachat website, twitter, instagram, etc. - Logo

design

I. **New Business** -

a. **Peter Acher and Oliver Zych to present Boy scout projects**

b. **Kiwanis looking for projects - make a list**