

Lachat Town Farm Commission
MINUTES

January 6, 2015

Attending: Ellen McCormick (Chair), Carol Baldwin, Nick Bell, Jamie Kapel, Ed Parker, Diane Renaud, Mike Smith, Jeff Wollman Absent: Judy Saffan
(Guests: Michelle Albright, Weston Youth Services; Amy Kalafa, Lachat Advisory Committee)

Meeting called to order at 7:45 pm.

Minutes of Dec 2, 2014 – Jamie made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Ed. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

A. **Farmhouse Update:** Carol mentioned that the Town is waiting to hear if they were awarded the STEAP grant they applied for to help cover the remaining restoration costs. In the meantime, 4 bids were procured by architect Bob Hatch for the HVAC system, which will be one of the next repairs. The Commission discussed options for other interior work needed such as insulation, plaster and trim repair, and electrical.

Also, Diane mentioned that the Lachat Town Farm sign has been produced and is ready for installation.

B. **Community Garden:** Diane is planning a meeting with community gardeners for the spring before the garden opens.

C. **Budget:** Jeff will continue to work on the budget. Potential income will be included in the budget. A list of planned events for Lachat Farm will also be presented to the Board of Selectmen with the budget.

D. **Committees:** The following committees and their members were formed:

- Programming – Jamie, Judy, Jeff
- Events – Diane, Carol (Michelle Fracasso, Kat, Kim Burke, if possible)
- Farmhouse – Carol, Ed, Diane
- Design (logo, signage) – Diane, Carol, Ed
- PR – Amy Kalafa
- Farm – Ellen, Amy, Mike
- Community Garden – Diane, Kat
- Grounds – Diane, Nick (Claudia Hahn and Mark Manieri, if possible)
- Budget - Jeff

Ellen encouraged the Commission to reach outside the group for committee members and urged committees to meet once before our next meeting.

Guest **Michelle Albright** of Weston Youth Services attended the meeting and discussed with the Commission possible partnering on programs for Lachat Farm. She will write up some ideas for Lachat Town Farm as follow-up.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is February 3 at 7:30 in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

(Minutes submitted by Carol Baldwin)