

## Minutes

### Lachat town Farm Commission Meeting

2/3/15

Present: Diane Renaud, Carol Baldwin, Judy Saffan, Nick Bell and Jamie Kapel

Absent: Mike Smith, Ed Parker, Ellen McCormick, Jeff Wollman, Michelle Fracasso and Amy Kalafa

Meeting was called to order at 7:47 pm.

The first topic of discussion was events and programming. We reviewed a listing of programs Ellen put together, particularly those events that do not require a farmer or much parking.

We then discussed the need for a tracking pad. Judy will approach Gault about determining the size needed, as well as obtaining and installing one.

The minutes from the meeting on January 6th were approved.

Michelle and her husband are donating the profits from the Harvest Dinner to Lachat, with half of the profits going to the farm, more specifically the children's garden, and the other half to the farmhouse restoration.

Diane will contact Michelle about meeting to discuss the children's garden.

Carol gave an update on the house. We have a bid from Dave for \$18,000 to demolish the staircase in the house. There was a meeting last month with Bob, and he thought we should proceed with the work. The town agreed to allow the work to be done, but Friends of Lachat will cover the expense.

The next item of work for the house is heating, also to be paid by Friends of Lachat.

Diane recounted the design committee meeting. They discussed putting shingles on the house and allowing them to weather in lieu of painting. Only a small part of the front of the house would be painted.

Carol mentioned that the end of the year campaign raised about \$12,000.

Diane sent out letters to the community gardeners about a work date in April. The gardens will then open in May.

We need to start planning for the interns. Diane is handling the application process with the school.

The next meeting is planned for February 17th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm