

Minutes

Lachat town Farm Commission Meeting

4/21/15

Present: Ellen McCormick, Ed Parker, Carol Baldwin, Judy Saffan, and Jeff Wollman. Sue Parkison, Lily Edelman and Don Eldon were present as guests.

Absent: Diane Renaud, Mike Smith, Nick Bell, and Jamie Kapel.

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm.

The minutes for the previous meeting of April 7th were approved with some of the attendees listed being reclassified as guests.

The Native American event is scheduled for June 27th, and there will be a compost workshop on June 7th.

There was some discussion about fixing up the appearance of the property now that the sign is up and events are being planned.

Ed explained that a friend of Mike's has a large chicken coop he is willing to give us if we can transport it to Lachat. Carol made a motion to acquire the coop if we can find a way to transport it to the farm. Judy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Carol informed us that Mark Harper is proposing a dog leash law that would prohibit dogs at Lachat. There was some discussion about whether we should allow dogs and, if so, in which parts of the property. We decided that we the Commission should be able to make that determination and not Mark Harper. Ellen made a motion that at our next meeting, we will have language drafted to present at the Board of Selectman meeting where this issue will be discussed. The motion carried.

We then discussed the Memorial Day Parade and some ideas for what to include in the Lachat group. Lily said she would wear a chicken costume. Someone can push a wheelbarrow filled with flyers about events at Lachat.

We then discussed opening day. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony, the Kiwanis will be presenting their tractor, Lily is going to do a bird house craft table, and we hope to have a presentation of donors and the farm tools they donated. The house will be open, so we will have some individuals serve as docents for tours. Ellen is going to find out about food - whether it can be home made or has to be purchased. Ellen passed around a flyer for a company that can bring a petting zoo and/or pony rides for the event. We also talked about having a banner made to advertise the event that would hang across Weston road by Weston center. We could also carry the banner in the parade.

Carol gave an update on the house. Dave is doing some work on the ceilings on the second floor. Ellen had the locks changed.

We talked about the need for a logo

Ellen informed us that we need a sign for the community gardens stating that the USDA has sponsored the gardens as part of a Connecticut state grant.

Jeff is going to deactivate the Twitter account he opened. Lily will reactivate it and start posting photos, etc.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 5th at 7:30 pm. Place of meeting to be determined due to BOS meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.