Minutes Lachat town Farm Commission Meeting 5/3/16

Present: Ellen McCormick, Ed Parker, Carol Baldwin, Jeff Wolman, Katherine McConnaghy. Nick Bell and Judy Saffan. Lily Edelman and Michelle Fracasso were present as guests.

Absent: Elizabeth Zeppernick and Mike Smith.

Meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm.

The minutes from the April 5th meeting were approved.

Emmanuel church will be having an art show on May 21st and will be donating a portion of the proceeds to Lachat.

The potluck is scheduled for May 28th, with a free concert to follow.

Once the rain stops, the foundation for the greenhouse will be poured.

Dave will be making gates for the community garden out of cedar.

Michelle Fracasso is planning a fundraising event for the children's garden, which should be completed by late July in time for the summer camp.

The Girl Scouts are working on a potato farm to be located outside the community garden. Another potential project for them is a walking labyrinth.

There may be one or two community garden plots that are still available.

The porch now has a new roof which was billed to the town. A Weston resident is donating chestnut cabinets and a refrigerator for the downstairs kitchen. Ed donated items for the upstairs kitchen from a demolition. We will need a handicap sink for the downstairs bathroom. Next project is to get plumbing estimates.

We need to find someone to take on the regular moving of the field.

There are many events coming up. This weekend is the vernal pool walk, and we are ready for that. Lily will send everyone the list of events so that everyone can cover one of the events.

For opening day, we are thinking of adding a hayride. We need to find a new petting zoo.

We will be having a float for the Memorial Day parade. The interns will help work on that. We will need a banner and flyers to hand out. We start lining up at 9:45 am.

The flea market is cancelled. We are looking into having another fundraising event in a private barn nearby.

The Kiwanis are interested in relocating their wood cutting activity to Lachat, but we are concerned about the noise, the harm to the land and the unsightliness.

Carol suggested we have a sign made indicating that the farm is open to the public everyday for people to visit.

We need to sign up to supervise the interns.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 7th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.