

Lachat Town Farm Commission

MINUTES

August 2, 2016

Attending: Ellen McCormick (Chair), Carol Baldwin, Kat McConnaughey, Ed Parker, Nick Bell, Jeff Wollman, Absent: Judy Safan, Elizabeth Zeppernick, Mike Smith

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm.

Minutes of July 5, 2016 meeting approved; Nick made the motion, Kat seconded, passed unanimously.

- A. **Community Garden ("CG"):** Carol made a motion, seconded by Ed, to build 2 new 3x20 foot beds for the Community Garden since we have soil and interest has been expressed. The motion passed unanimously. They will be built on the North edge of the CG. Since the season is more than ½ over, only ½ will be charged but a full deposit will be requested for these new plots.  
There are signs of dog poop inside the Community Garden. Kat will send an email to the Community Gardeners asking that dogs not be brought into the CG.
- B. **Farmhouse/Building Committee:** Ed Parker will submit a grant application to the CT Trust for Historic Preservation this year for the barn. The possible use of the barn for theatrical and music events was discussed.  
Carol hoped that the Arts Commission in town might be willing to contribute to the lighting in the Gallery Space at the farmhouse. Ellen will contact Claudia Hahn about this.. We are still looking for the donation of a 36" gas range for the downstairs kitchen.
- C. **Grounds Committee:** Cutting down the large pine by the greenhouse was discussed and it was decided to leave it standing.
- D. **Farm Committee:** Ellen spoke with the CT Dept. of Ag rep who suggested our future grant applications should more specifically refer to gardening needs.  
Discussed also was the need for the creation of a use policy for the new greenhouse. The Commission discussed the on-going meetings with the Board of Selectmen ("BOS") and the Town Administrator about having a farm manager living on site. The Commission will submit a new proposal/budget at an upcoming BOS meeting.
- E. **Program Committee:** Ellen will ask Gayle Clayton to add a line on the registration page of the website: "Please pay upon registering to guarantee your place in the class." Recently someone registered but did not pay which led to some confusion.
- F. **Fund-Raising and Events Committee:** Two upcoming music events coinciding with full moons will be held September 16 and October 16. Ray is coordinating the musicians for these events. Carol mentioned that Friends of Lachat is planning a Farm-To-Table Dinner and Barn Dance to be held Saturday, October 22 at the Schine/Klinger Barn on Godfrey Road East.
- G. **New Business:**  
Four people have come forward and expressed interest in serving on the Commission. The Commission felt that these extra members would be very helpful.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is September 6 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room.  
(Minutes submitted by Carol Baldwin)