

## Minutes

### Lachat town Farm Commission Meeting

9/6/16

Present: Ellen McCormick, Ed Parker, Carol Baldwin, Kat McConnaughey, Jeff Wollman and Judy Saffan. Terry Cho was present as a guest.

Absent: Mike Smith, Nick Bell and Elizabeth Zeppernick

Meeting was called to order at 7:53 pm.

The minutes from the August 2nd meeting were approved.

We first discussed the children's garden and all agreed that any plans, including fencing, need to be presented to the commission for approval.

The next pot luck dinner will be September 25th around 5 pm. Kat will take care of the publicity for the event. A musical event is planned for the harvest moon on September 18th. Sue Broudy is handling that event.

Ellen spoke to an Eagle Scout who will be doing a composting project at the community garden.

Kat and Judy discussed resuming the toddler reading. We will try to promote this activity on the website and at the next toddler event on 9/22.

Carol and Ed selected lighting for the farm house.

Carol has been working on a staffing proposal for the farm. She is proposing having a farm property manager with various responsibilities in exchange for living at the farm. We estimate the value of the housing to be \$2000/month. The town would be responsible for insurance with regard to this individual's duties.

In addition, we would have a program manager hired and paid by Friends of Lachat, including social security, etc. Friends of Lachat would use programming funds, community garden receipts and donations to cover the salary and benefits. We would need to have our own insurance at this point because Friends of Lachat would be sponsoring the events, not the town. We hope to present the proposal at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

A farm to table dinner is planned for October 22nd at a private barn in Weston. Carol spoke to a party planner with farm dinner experience. Phoebe Smith will do the catering.

The Kiwanis are still hoping to do wood splitting at Lachat which we are against because of the noise. They would also like to use the farm for their annual barbecue. Ed made a motion, and we unanimously voted against the wood splitting and in favor of the barbecue.

We will be expanding the commission by 4 members.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 4th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35.