

Agenda

Lachat Town Farm Commission
Lachat Town Farmhouse at 7:30pm
Tuesday, April 3, 2018

A. Call meeting to order

B. Approve March 6, 2018 meeting minutes.

C. Financial Report - Carol Baldwin

E. Committee Review:

Facility Committees:

1. *Community Garden and Children's Garden/Greenhouse* - Kat McConnaughey
 - a. send request to CGers for class interest - what classes do they want, compost, gardening, etc.
 - b. set up committee for dinners - Potluck for Town and Potluck for CG
2. *Farmhouse/Building Committee* - Carol Baldwin, Ed Parker, Ellen McCormick
 - a. update on barn restoration - Ed**
 - b. garage apartment window for egress to make useable
 - c. Machine shop garage doors are here and are being primed and painted this week. What color?
Vote.
3. *Grounds Committee - Stirling*
 - a. Set up two work days in April
 - b. schedule crew to cut wood along perimeter of field for future fire wood**
 - d. pruning of apple tree should take place by the end of the month**
 - e. discussion on circle at farmhouse and need to repair for the summer**
 - f. move the compost bin behind the greenhouse to the CG**
 - g. get DPW to cut edges of fields for additional parking and general farmland reclamation**
4. *Farm Committee - Production Garden/Greenhouse* - Terry Cho
 - a. building of a goat house, chicken coop and rabbit hutch -**
 - c. purchase a small shredder for the compost pile? Take a vote
 - d. use of the greenhouse for seedlings, microgreens - CGers would like to use for growing their seedlings - make decisions on what's going to be grown - Terry Cho**
 - e. goats? Who will head up this project?
 - f. need list of jobs for interns this spring - from each dept.**

Operations Committees:

5. *Program Committee: Lily, Anita*
 - a. update on programming for spring**
 - b. S/S/S/ Do we want an April event? Someone else will have to do the**
 - c. Sustainability Committee event - Jens Beuttner, Natalie, chair - Invasives**
 - d. Weston Library - Pollinator program at library with a series of two programs one on April 9th and the 2nd program with seed bomb making at the library will be on April**
 - g. Herb Garden - Leslie Geller, chinese herbalist - writing an outline of herbal garden ideas**
 - h. Relay for Life team to provide an update on their progress - Date: June 9th**
6. *Fund-Raising and Events Committee:*
 - a. discuss Farm-to-Table committee for September event**
 - b. grant for brush hog to mow fields and keep invasives down**
 - c. Grant Award from Town of Weston for brush hog?
7. *PR/Outreach Committee* - Lily and Anita
8. *Farmers Market Committee:* - Elizabeth Zeppernick
 - a. update on 2018 plans**
 - b. Temporary liquor licenses are on their way**
9. *Friends of Lachat:* - Carol
 - a. inform commission on status of stewardship agreement, insurance for property and liability, director's insurance for FOL and what the meeting with BOS on April 15th will include.

10. *New Business:*

a. **discuss any new business ideas, etc.**

b. **talk about heat tapes on roof of house and in crawl spaces for north wall plumbing**

**We have a large agenda and the priority items for discussion are in boldface type.

Committee Projects - 2018

Community Garden Committee:

1. Move the compost bins from the greenhouse area into the CG
2. Set up schedule for mowing and weeding in the garden for 2018
3. Set up programming for the classes this winter in the farmhouse - work with Lily
4. Get new source for organic soil to be dropped at end of April - Ellen to help
5. Consider some new smaller beds for flowers, inside fencing, etc.
6. Plan two potluck dinners for next season
7. Plan a gathering for CGers for the holidays
8. Set up a volunteer Committee for the CG
9. Make up a wish list for the CG

Children's Garden:

1. Fencing around garden to fulfill AG Grant
2. Work on exfoliating and planting the bank in the Ch. G.
3. CH. G to be used for summer programming for children - produce to be sold at FM or given to Social Services

Building Committee: Farmhouse/Garage apartment/Machine Shop

1. put in shelves and hooks in closets - almost done
2. Put doorknobs on closet doors - almost done
3. Paint handicap ramp with deck ramp and regular outdoor paint for railings
4. put in exit window for garage apartment
5. clean out bays in garage apartment
6. take down screens and put up storm windows on garage apt.*
7. move filing cabinets into office space (one of them is in barn)*
8. purchase two Shark vacuum cleaners at Costco or BBB (have coupon)
9. Clean out the Machine shop
10. Ask CLASP if we can have the potbelly stove at Dan Offut's barn and the tall metal structure with basket drawers *
11. Finish up all the little details that need to be completed for farmhouse - Dave Gengo
12. Painting of the well house in the spring Ellen, Larry Ligget and Georgie Silk painting
13. Redo the bulkhead door into cellar - Dave Gengo to complete
14. Purchase of refrigerators for the farmhouse and the garage apartment - part of grant for Garage apartment that needs to be fulfilled by May
15. Set up schedule of volunteers for cleaning all the buildings weekly
16. Remove refrigerator from garage bay and upstairs garage apartment
17. Need oilcloth rug for kitchen floor because of spaces in flooring
18. Clean out garages and machine shop
19. Talk about heat tapes on roof of house and around pipes in crawl space in north wall plumbing.

Grounds Committee:

1. Mow the ski hill for sledding - Done
2. Prepare driveways for plowing - town project
3. Get prepared for more firewood to be dropped from the DPW for bonfire - Done
4. get more chips for the pathways that have been started - check in with Bonnie Troy, DPW, Lou Ten and Carol's friend at Sporre.
5. Set up arrangement with Key Club to pick up recyclables and deposit bottles & cans after events on Friday evening
6. Continue working on pathways up to upper parking, etc.

Farm Committee: Terry Cho

1. Production garden
2. Greenhouse planting this year - CGers to use for seedlings?
3. Goat House, rabbit hutch and chicken coop buildings - who will build and where
4. New bees and new bee hives - Terry Cho
5. Pollinator garden update
6. Fencing for the children's garden area - part of the AG Grant to be fulfilled by May
7. Make up wish list for farm
8. Drop stones at the drip line edge of the greenhouse on both sides for drainage
9. Farmtek propane heater for the greenhouse
10. Michelle Fracasso giving the farm raised beds for the children's garden - when?
11. New source of organic soil for CG in Monroe

Programming Committee/PR Outreach: Lily, Anita, Ellen, Carol

1. Discussion of programs for 2018
2. Singer/Songwriter/Salons for Last Friday of the month in farmhouse
3. Programs for the farmhouse all winter
4. Programs for the rest of the season
5. Publishing of lists of programs both on social media, newspaper, town website and on our Lachat website.
6. Set up protocol for holding classes in the farmhouse - who does what + cleanup
7. Set up committee to help with programs
8. Educational programs for birthday parties
9. Advertising on social media, etc. - create a schedule of dates for various programs and events
10. develop plan to provide information to schools and local websites about the farm and its upcoming programs - Lily and Anita
11. Hurlbutt Buzz advertising for on-going programs - Lily and Anita
12. Connect community garden communication and responses, etc. with the website - Gayle

Farmer's Market Committees:

1. Meeting with Lori Cochran, Elizabeth Zeppernick, E McCormick
2. Update plans for 2018