

## Minutes

### Lachat town Farm Commission Meeting

11/3/15

Present: Ellen McCormick, Carol Baldwin, Ed Parker, Elizabeth Zeppernick, Mike Smith, Nick Bell and Judy Saffan. Lily Edelman and Michele Fracasso were present as guests.

Absent: Jeff Wollman

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm

The minutes from the October 6th meeting were approved.

Mike planted garlic this past week. A new volunteer is helping out with the garden.

The greenhouse has been sighted, so Ellen will be ordering it this week. Ed made a motion to purchase the green house with a natural finish in lieu of staining it. Kat seconded and the motion carried.

Peter Acher, Oliver Zych and Oliver's mother Jesse came to explain their Eagle Scout projects for Lachat. Oliver's project is to create an observational beehive that can also be used for educational purposes. We will provide the bees. He will also build a kiosk that will have information on the bees. Mike pointed out that the kiosk needs to be 10-15 feet away from the bees. Oliver hopes to build and install it in the spring. We will have volunteers to maintain the bees.

Peter's project is to create a gravel seating area in the center of the community garden, with possibly a fire pit. We can put the Adirondack chairs in this area. Peter may do the project this fall, but more likely next year.

Ed met with CT trust for the barn grant. The application is due December 1st, and we need to determine the function of the barn for the application. We think having a toilet is important-probably one that compost-based. We think a farmers market could happen in this space, as well as events. We probably need some storage area and a dry well sink for hand washing.

Ellen discussed the Ag viability grant which we could use for mowing and liming the upper field, as well as the children's garden and a berry patch.

We then discussed the chicken coop and where we could place it on the property. We can't have the coop until we have someone living full time on the property.

By next meeting, we hope to have a concrete list of programming for next year so we can meet with youth services.

Ellen described the condition of the apartment - we need a professional cleaning service to come in. We can use the apartment for our meetings, artist space, book/knitting clubs and as an office. Ellen has some furniture to donate for the apartment, and Aitoro will help us with the kitchen in the house.

Daffodil planting will take place on the 14th. Andrew will be bringing the Adirondack chair to the event to try to solicit funds for the project.

Carol gave an update on the house. Dave gave her estimates for siding on the house. We next need an electrical design for the house, as well as designs for the kitchens and bathrooms.

Ed is working on getting limber donations for the porch renovation which is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of December 12th.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 1st

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm