

Lachat Town Farm Commission

MINUTES

January 5, 2016

Attending: Ellen McCormick (Chair), Carol Baldwin, Nick Bell, Kat McConnaughey, Jeff Wollman
Absent: Ed Parker, Judy Saffan, Mike Smith, Elizabeth Zeppernick
Guest: Lily Burns, Michelle Fracasso

Meeting called to order at 7:50 pm.

Minutes of Dec. 1, 2015 meeting approved; Kat made the motion, Nick seconded; passed unanimously.

Facilities Committee reports:

- A. **Greenhouse:** Weather delayed pouring of foundation.
- B. **Children's Garden:** Michelle outlined her ideas for a Children's Garden that would be installed this spring. Her ideas, which were enthusiastically received by the Commission, included, besides a vegetable garden, an edible flower garden, pollinator garden, forage garden, handicap accessible raised bed, a water feature, potting table, eating table, numerous birdhouses, stepping stones, a shade area, a swing from the pine tree, a chalk board, etc.). Still to be determined is appropriate fencing.
- C. **Community Garden:** There is a waiting list so extra beds are planned for this spring. Gates will be built by Dave Gengo. More information on the garden should be included on the Town Farm website. Wagons could be helpful at the garden. Signage may be needed to indicate produce is only for plot holders and not for the general public. Wendy Petty, director of the Senior Center, will be contacted again this year and offered a garden plot for the Seniors.
- D. **Grounds:** Some kind of fencing was suggested to be put up to keep community gardeners and other visitors from parking/driving in the big field in front of the Community Garden.

Kat commented that she felt the color of Adirondack chair installed as part of Andrew King's Eagle Scout project was too jarring in the landscape. Carol will check with Andrew if it's not too late to change the color of the chairs. The Commission will chip in to buy a chair to dedicate to Leon Lachat.

The Commission discussed a proposal by Dave Burns for a surveillance system at Lachat. The Commission will check what other farms use in terms of surveillance.

Operations Committee Reports:

- E. **Programming Committee:** Lily Burns agreed to head up Programming.
- F. **Youth Programs:** Someone is needed to head up summer daily youth programs. Additionally someone is needed to supervise this spring's high school interns.
- G. **Fundraising Events:** The Commission discussed moving the Flea Market/Tailgate Sale to another location if it is not allowed at Lachat and having it next fall.
- H. **New Business:**
Michelle brought up the Town's Food Pantry and how we could facilitate getting fresh produce from the Community Garden donated.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is February 2 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall Mtg Room.
(Minutes submitted by Carol Baldwin)