

Minutes

Lachat town Farm Commission Meeting
11/4/14

Present: Jeff Wolman, Diane Renaud, Ellen McCormick, Carol Baldwin, Mike Smith, Judy Saffan (who took minutes), Jamie Kapel, Nick Bell and Ed Parker.

Absent: Amy Kafala and Michelle Fracasso

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm

The minutes from the meeting on October 7th were approved.

Carol mentioned that Peter's market is willing to sell the reusable bags that were made for the harvest dinner.

Carol gave an update on the work being done on the farmhouse.

Jeff thinks the business plan will be ready for the next BOS meeting on 11/20. We will try to meet on the 18th to go over the budget prior to the meeting.

Diane gave an update on the community gardens - 3 people are not returning and 9 have already signed up for next year.

We are waiting on test results to determine the liming and aeration of the production field.

Ellen mentioned that all the fields will be mowed prior to the winter.

Ellen is going to get the signs next week for the tractor.

Ellen is explained that irrigation has been installed.

Carol gave an update on fencing - perhaps just fencing around the production gardens for now and expanding the areas in the future.

Carol made a motion to explore the possibility having a temporary exhibition of kinetic sculptures in the fields this winter. Judy seconded and the motion carried.

Diane gave an update on the production of the sign for the property. It should be done in about a month.

Ellen has found someone to create a website for Lachat. She will send the proposal to the commission members to review.

We discussed the need for committees - house, farming, grounds/maintenance, PR/marketing, programming, events and fundraising. At our next meeting, we should all specify which committee we want to serve on and names of others to help.

Carol and Ellen are working on finishing up the fulfillment of the Viability Grant.

Ellen explained that there are numerous saplings on the property that will have to be removed. We may be able to bundle them and sell the wood.

Diane got an estimate to remove the dead trees on the property. We need to get a couple more estimates before we proceed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 pm.