

Lachat Town Farm Commission

MINUTES

February 2, 2016

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

Meeting called to order at 7:45 pm.

Facilities Committee reports:

A. Children's Garden:

A workday will be scheduled to clear the area for the Children's Garden.

B. Community Garden: Kat will send re-up letters out to current plot holders on March 1st. Checks should be made out to Friends of Lachat. New plots will be built in April; Builders without Borders, Kiwanis, and Scouts will be contacted. Dave Gengo will build gates for garden.

C. Farmhouse/Garage Apt: Nick suggested a naming plaque be put up in Bob Hatch's honor.

Ed discussed a lighting plan for the house; the Hearth Room and 2 front parlors would have sconces next to fireplaces but no recessed lighting; the newer rooms on the eastside and the kitchens would have recessed lighting.

Ed and his volunteer workers cannot return to finish front porch until March.

Ed asked if someone could measure all the donated cabinets and then he will make a plan for the kitchens and bathroom.

Operations Committee Reports:

D. Programming Committee: Lily prepared a new list of programs that follow Leon's mandate for the use of the property.

E. Fundraising Events: Having the Flea Market on school grounds this June was discussed; publicity for it could happen at the Memorial Day Parade. Jeff offered to co-chair the event.

F. Farmers' Market: A vision for a farmer's market at Lachat was discussed. Research needs to be done regarding practices of other local farmers' markets regarding pricing, infrastructure, etc. Commission suggestions included morning coffee, live music, a kid's play area, crafts, family friendly, and a possible different "look" than other markets.

New Business:

G. Guest Elliot Snaith was introduced. She would like to help out at Lachat Farm. She will research "curated artisanal boxes" for a Lachat CSA that would support local farmers and bring people to the farm.

H. Marketing materials drafts are being prepared for Lachat Town Farm pro bono by 3 NCC students including Westonite Molly Moseley; they will work with Peter Shih.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 1 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall Mtg Room.
(Minutes submitted by Carol Baldwin)