

Lachat Town Farm Commission

MINUTES

July 1, 2014

Attending: Ellen McCormick (acting Chair), Carol Baldwin, Nick Bell, Jamie Kapel, Ed Parker, Diane Renaud, Judy Saffan, Mike Smith, Jeff Wollman

(Guests: Selectwoman Gayle Weinstein; Rick Darling, Town Finance Director; Michelle Fracasso, Advisory Board; Amy Kalafa, Advisory Board; Margaret Wirtenberg)

Meeting called to order at 7:38 pm.

- A. **Welcome:** Selectwoman Gayle Weinstein made opening remarks at this the first meeting of the newly formed Lachat Town Farm Commission. The new commission members were welcomed. Our Selectwoman explained the mission of the Commission. She and Rick Darling answered questions as to the financial structure of the Farm moving forward as well the method for approvals of expenditures and activities at the Farm.
- B. **Farmhouse:** Carol updated the commission on the status of repairs to the farmhouse at the Lachat Town Farm. Carol made a motion, seconded by Ed Parker, and unanimously approved by the Commission, to proceed with chimney repairs by Eric Jackson.
- C. **Community Garden:** Carol said the plot income, so far, is \$1775 that has been collected by Friends of Lachat and a check for that amount was given to Rick Darling. Future checks for plot rentals will be written directly to the Town of Weston and Rick Darling will keep the accounting. Kim Burke from the Weston Women's Club is overseeing the collection of the fees and communications with the renters.
- D. **Farm:** Advisory Committee members Michelle Fracasso and Amy Kalafa outlined the vision for the farm. We discussed a possible grant from Kiwanis for a tractor. Mike made a motion, seconded by Judy, and unanimously approved, to create a job description and start looking for a potential farmer/property caretaker.

Future meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Aug. 5 at 7:30 in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

(Minutes submitted by Carol Baldwin)