

Minutes (approved 8/4/15)
Lachat Town Farm Commission Meeting
7/7/15

Present: Ellen McCormick, Ed Parker, Carol Baldwin, Jeff Wollman, Mike Smith, and Nick Bell
(Guests: Selectwoman Gayle Weinstein, Andrew (by phone) and David King, Amy Kalafa, Peter Shih, Sue Parkison, Lily Edelman, Kat McConnaughey)

Absent: Judy Saffan

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm and was held at Lachat Town Farm.

Prospective Eagle Scout Andrew King called in to the meeting by phone, while his father, David, was in attendance. Andrew suggested, as an Eagle Scout project, to build, with the help of other scouts, Adirondack chairs for Lachat Town Farm. The chairs would include a donation plaque. Gayle will check into any possible liability issues with having the scouts build the chairs on site at Lachat. Andrew will come to the next meeting with more specific plans.

The meeting was held at the farmhouse to discuss possible revisions to the previously approved plans drawn up by architect Bob Hatch for the farmhouse. Three motions were made:

1. Changes to Handicap Access Entrance room: (Motion was made by Carol and seconded by Mike and passed unanimously)
a. Do not build proposed closet on north wall
b. Do not build office space
c. Open up center of wall between front East parlor and back Handicap Access Entrance room (coat closet as designed on south wall of room will remain). Entrance will be centered on the wall (between closet and East house wall) and probably about 4 feet wide.

2. Changes to Handicap Access Bathroom: (Motion was made by Jamie, seconded by Nick; Passed with one "nay")
a. Handicap accessible door into bathroom from "Hearth Room" - not from back kitchen area
b. Make bathroom minimum size necessary for a handicap accessible bathroom so that the kitchen area potentially can be enlarged

3. Changes to 1st Floor Kitchen: (Motion was made by Ed and seconded by Jeff and passed unanimously)
a. Do not replace original wall between Hearth Room and 1st Floor Kitchen but do leave exposed posts if possible (West post has new supports around it so maybe will have to be hidden.)
b. Put sink and counters against the wall that is contiguous with the handicap access bathroom.

The general sense of the meeting was that having some kind of first floor kitchen space was important.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 4th at 7:30 pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.