

Agenda

Lachat Town Farm Commission Monthly Meeting
Town Hall Meeting Room – 7:30 pm
Wednesday, August 20, 2014

- A. Approval of minutes from the August 5, 2014 meeting of the Lachat Town Farm Commission
- B. Discussion of upcoming meeting list with Michele Albright & Charlene Mon, PTO leaders, Key clubs, Environmental Club Leaders at High School, all for potential volunteers and participants, etc. – bring lists of ideas
- C. Update on farmhouse restoration and progress - Carol Baldwin
 - 1. P&Z approvals – use of house discussion
 - 2. next steps
- D. Update on Community Garden and Production Garden
 - 1. Discuss an upcoming cocktail party with heavy hors d'oeuvres made from the garden at the CG on a weekend in Sept.
 - 2. tractor update – needs for maintenance, grease guns, diesel fuel, parts, new attachments for plowing, etc., chains for removing stumps
 - 3. fields and grounds maintenance – with what and who and how often
 - 4. next equipment purchases
 - a. lawn mower
 - b. weed whacker
 - c. wheel barrows
 - d. rakes, shovels
 - e. other equipment – bring lists
 - 5. irrigation estimates for CG, production garden and hoop house – Nick Bell
 - 6. discussion of how to use upper fields before actually fencing
 - 7. completion of CG fencing – gates and fence posts – when will be finished? – Michelle (Dave needs posts cut in half to construct gates)
- E. Discuss committee assignments
 - 1. signs – Diane Renaud to discuss her research and designs
 - 2. graphic design of sign – Ed Parker
 - 3. update on farmer interviews – Michelle and Amy (Advisory Board)
 - a. job description
 - b. sources for search
 - c. housing, salary, insurance, etc.
 - 4. PR and outreach – Diane Renaud and Jamie Kapel
- F. Discuss final costs for the fulfillment of the CT AG Viability Grant for Tom Landry
 - 1. outline needs, irrigation, hoop house, fencing
 - 2. list grants available
- G. Discuss tree demolition and eventual stump removal all over the property for the CT AG Farmland Restoration Grant
- H. Continue discussion of Business Plan to present to the BOS in the near future
- I. 3 ½ weeks until Pop-Up dinner at Michelle's house – September 13th
 - 1. set up committees to help
 - 2. update on replies from invites and newspaper
 - 3. discuss additional names to invite
- J. New Business
- K. Discuss next meeting in two weeks
- K. Public participation as required