

Lachat Town Farm Commission Meeting
Meeting Room at Town Hall at 7:30 pm
Tuesday, January 7, 2020

A. Call meeting to order

December 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes

C. Financial Report - Carol Baldwin

Jonathan Luiz is our guest

D. Committee Review:

Facility Committees:

Take Vote: Music Festival

1. *Community Garden and Children's Garden/Greenhouse* - Kat McConnaughey , Terry Cho
 - a. Compost Bin needs to be emptied and all vines removed – Ellen and Terry will do
 - b. Discuss moving bins in community garden to the greenhouse area.
 - c. Offer from Stephan Garbee and his mother, Lynn to help with the composting situation. Stephan is going to school locally and is very interested in learning about composting and implementing it for the Town
2. *Farmhouse/Building Committee /Garage apt./Machine Shop/Barn*
 - a. machine shop cleanout continues - **need to relocate the antiques in the corner of the machine shop (Carol where would you like them put?)**
 - b. need to put supplies for each area in each area – need a hammer and smaller nails for hanging in the barn on many occasions
 - c. septic system - purchase of split rail fencing to create barrier to driving across the grass - use the same fencing that will be used on the children's garden and the goat's back yard so there is a similar look everywhere. Do we want that fencing? - **Not a priority right now**
 - d. Is doing LVL beams in machine shop a priority at this point? - **shelved for now**
 - e. **Ed - report on goat house progress – Michelle offered a suggestion for a carpenter to do the roof**
 - f. **need work day for putting up shelves in garage apartment, storm windows on garage apartment, seeding areas of lawn in May, cleaning out the first bay of garage and putting anything not needing warmth into the machine shop**
 - g. update on Steve Wilson repairs to the barn to fulfill 1772 Grant – certain he can get it done by the end of march
 - h. crew to help Max put up storm windows on garage apartment building – **done yet?**
 - i. Storm windows finished and hung at the farmhouse
 - j. Discuss farmhouse septic system
3. *Grounds Committee - Stirling Collins*
 - a. Interns for keeping up the work at the farm through the school year - committee for this
 - b. **Discuss another work day - need upper field work - cut logs cut into fireplace length and brought down to main wood pile; also logs in lower field need to be made smaller**
 - c. **starting in late November mark field for rocks first and then mow all fields in upper parking areas and the section beyond the community garden to keep low, be mindful of area to mow per the N.C. guidelines.**
 - e. discuss painting the enter and exit signs for a more professional look- green with white lettering? Checked with Debra and she will find a font for doing the signs – **no response**
 - f. **Bush Hog is now being used on fields – Stirling response...**
 - g. **Louie Ten is bringing us leaves again for mulching, etc.**
4. *Farm Committee – Production Garden/Greenhouse* - Terry Cho

- a. **Discuss plans for new composting operation - discuss with the Garbees**
- b. **Discuss gas heater in the greenhouse – waiting for proposal from David Diescher**

Operations Committees:

- 5. *Program Committee:* Lily, Anita
 - a. update on programming for rest of the year
 - b. signage for all of next year's events done ahead of time – talk with Erica about grant for printing
 - c. programming on the website for the year
- 6. *Fund-Raising and Events Committee:*
 - a. **Finalize idea of having a membership for the farm**
 - b. Need to send Weston Progress Fund financial summary for Goat House when applicable
 - c. **Discuss private events at the farm - Rules and Regulations and parking**
 - d. **Discuss pricing for private events:**
 - e. Add logo wear to the website
 - f. **Stirling update on grant for garage apartment**
 - g. **Farm-to-table dinner with event planners**
- 7. *PR/Outreach Committee*
 - a. **create list of events that can be published in a new membership program letter**
- 8. *Farmers Market Committee:* - Anita Dinwoodie
 - a. **How much did we make on last Farmer's Market??**
 - b. **Need of more volunteers for events - idea?**
 - c. Discussion on Elizabeth not doing the Farmers Market next year
- 9. *Friends of Lachat:* - Carol
 - a. detailed financial report of farm activities and expenses for planning purposes for 2019-2020 – Erica Reiner
 - b. Any plans for additional fund raising
 - c. 1772 grant money used for re-toration of barn roofing – will be done by Steve Wilson
 - d. **Additional commission member need to replace David Allon soon**
 - e. Discuss finding an executive director for the farm and paying some employees - need budget discussion from hard figures of expenditures from this and last year.
- 10. *New Business:*
 - a. **discuss any new business ideas, etc.**
 - b. develop list of commission members heading up committees and finding orgs in town who will get involved to help such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Key Club, etc.:
 - Goat House volunteers
 - feeding the animals and generally taking care of them
 - compost from animals - where and who will take care of
 - Meeting with Alyssa Stolz to discuss organizational changes for Lachat and FOL

**We have a large agenda and the priority items for discussion are in boldface type.