

Lachat Town Farm Commission Meeting
Annex Conference Room at 7:30 pm
Tuesday, March 3, 2020

A. Call meeting to order

Approval of December 3, January 7, February 4th Meeting Minutes

Discuss meeting with Debra Pinals

B. Financial Report - Carol Baldwin

C. Committee Review:

Facility Committees:

1. *Community Garden and Children's Garden/Greenhouse* - Kat McConnaughey , Terry Cho
 - a. discuss communication from Stefan Garbee and his mother about ocmposting
 - b. Terry discuss increasing the CG garden to include more produce to give to worthy causes such as CHIP in Bridgeport which feeds children who don't get to eat on the weekends
 - c. discuss Christina Koether's involvement at the CG and the grants
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 – volunteer to do the roof will start when?**
 - f. **need workdays for putting up shelves in garage apartment, storm windows on garage apartment, seeding areas of lawn in April and May, cleaning out the first bay of garage and putting anything not needing warmth into the machine shop**
 - g. Steve Wilson repairs to the barn to fulfill 1772 Grant – certain he can get it done by the end of march
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 workday - 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. **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**
 - d. **decision on cedar posts and how they will be used and where to put them permanently until they are used. . Bill Lomas gave us the cedar from the Cemetary cleanup**
 - e. **discuss where new Brian Gordon garden will be – volunteers for putting out cardboard and Peter Shih cutting flower garden**
4. *Farm Committee – Production Garden/Greenhouse* - Terry Cho
 - a. **Discuss plans for new composting operation - discuss with the Garbees**
 - b. **Gas heater is up and running in the greenhouse – Terry plans for seedlings?**

Operations Committees:

5. *Program Committee: Anita Dinwoodie and Lily Burns*
 - 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
 - d. Discuss change in size of Weston Arts programming, sculpture, exhibit, cocktails and Canvases, High School Art –Show and Juried Art Show**
6. *Fund-Raising and Events Committee:*
- a. Finalize idea of having a membership for the farm – work on format**
 - b. Need to send Weston Progress Fund financial summary for Goat House when applicable
 - c. Discuss private events at the farm - Rules and Regulations , pricing and parking**
 - d. Add logo wear to the website
 - e. Stirling update on grant for garage apartment**
 - f. Farm-to-table dinner with event planners – they can't do the event**
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. discuss events planned**
 - b. Need of more volunteers for events - idea?**
 - c. general discussion on how things are progressing**
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 restoration of barn roofing – will be done by Steve Wilson
 - d. Additional commission member needed to replace David Allon – from lower, middle or high school family to help recruit volunteers**
 - 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.
- F. *Music Committee – Ellen, Anita,*
- a. discuss upcoming event, sponsors, musicians, food at event, expenses
 - b. discuss helpers for the hors d'oeuvres
 - c. Carol – give bottom line of events so far this year**
- D. *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
 - c. discuss meeting with management consultant – when available for meeting

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