

**Lachat Town Farm Commission Meeting  
Meeting held on Zoom**

**The number to be included for the meeting will be sent to any of the public who wants to attend  
by contacting Anita Dinwoodie at anita.dinwoodie@gmail.com  
Tuesday, April 7, 2020**

**A. Call meeting to order**

**Approval of the March 4, 2020 minutes**

**B. Financial Report - Carol Baldwin**

**C. Committee Review:**

***Discussion on moving forward at the Farm despite the current conditions determined by the coronavirus closures and the economy.***

***Facility Committees:***

1. *Community Garden and Children's Garden/Greenhouse* - Kat McConnaughey , Terry Cho
  - a. discuss communication from Stefan Garbee and his mother about composting
  - 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? Need this done before new building goes up.**
  - e. **Ed - report on goat house progress – volunteer to do the roof will start when? Shall we order fencing and worker bees to put the fence in now? Michelle offered Chris's help.**
  - f. **need workdays for putting up shelves in garage apartment, seeding areas of lawn in April and May (proposal coming from Juan Robles to do work), 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 – Will be starting in April now – has been delayed due to the project he's currently working on.**
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 Max picked up 30 cinder blocks for various uses including the wood pile project.**
  - 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 Cemetery 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. **Still need compost managers**
- 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**

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 2020
- b. Any plans for additional fund raising
- c. 1772 grant money used for restoration of barn roofing – will be done by Steve Wilson
- 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
- d. discussion

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