

# Approved Minutes-Lachat Town Farm Commission

February 4, 2025

Meeting held in person, Lachat Town Farm

*Attending:* Katherine McConnaughey (Chair), Carol Baldwin, Nick Bell (by phone) Stirling Collins, Ellen McCormick, Bruce Plotkin, Aidan Baker, Junior Advisor (Guests: Anita Dinwoodie, LTF Exec. Dir.; Friends of Lachat Board member, Deirdre Doran, Alissa Stoltz; Pat Weist)

Meeting commenced at 7:30 pm.

Minutes: Motion made by Stirling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ellen, to approve the minutes from our January 7, 2024 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Kat welcomed Pat Weist to the meeting. She has been proposed to be a LTFC member. She was an original CG member, very active as a volunteer in our barn yard, and a link between Lachat at Open Doors in Norwalk.

***Around the Farm Spotlight:*** Volunteer Portraits: Photographer and Commission member, Bruce Plotkin, has given the farm a wonderful gift of portraits honoring our amazing volunteers, who make Lachat Lachat!! He showed a slide show of his portraits. He would like to have the farm organize a volunteer celebration event. He was profusely thanked for his efforts and it was mentioned that his portraits of our volunteers, who represent a diversity of ages and interests, show what a strong community Lachat has established.

***Upcoming Events:*** Anita went over the Large events schedule for 2025. There was discussion about our Farmers Markets and any changes we might want to make to the event. A suggestion was made to encourage carpooling.

***Chairwoman's Report:*** Kat mentioned that Carol and Kat met with Girl Scouts (5<sup>th</sup> graders) about a Bronze Award project at the farm for Spring 2025. She also has gotten an estimate for planting Erica's Bee Garden for \$400; that estimate will go to Friends of Lachat for approval. She also went over possible styles and vendors for new signage at the farm; these would be small directional/educational signage. She will return with more concrete estimates based on feedback given. There was discussion about a surveillance system for the farm. We are also still looking for someone to shepherd the Giving Garden for this growing season.

Committee Reports:

- Building Maintenance: The Fire Inspection was just completed. The Food Permit was just renewed. Stirling will continue to reach out to architect Rob Sanders about Carriage Barn improvements.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 7:30pm at Lachat Town Farm.

Minutes humbly submitted by Carol Baldwin.