

Lachat Town Farm Commission
May 6, 2025 Meeting
Farmhouse

Attending: Kat McConnaughey, Nick Bell, Stirling Collins, Pat Saunders,
Ellen McCormick, Bruce Plotkin, Aidan Baker
Executive Director: Anita Dinwoodie
Guest: Alissa Stoltz

The meeting was called to order at 7:50pm
The motion to open the meeting was made by Pat Saunders and
seconded by Stirling Collins and unanimously accepted by the commission
members.

Anita Dinwoodie: The Eco Fest that took place on Sunday, May 3rd was
very well attended and did very well for the farm financially. There was
also a discussion that parking for large events is still a concern and that a
conversation with the Field Club proved beneficial. They are fine with
taking an overflow occasionally when they have no other events on those
evenings. Using a van to other locations hasn't been very successful so
this is an excellent solution because it is nearby.

Kat McConnaughey/Ellen McCormick: Presentation of the Memorial
Meadow Garden for Peter Shih. It will start around the bluebird bird house
in the meadow near the Offutt Center. It will have to be dug out first by a
backhoe to allow the plugs to be planted and to have a chance to survive
since the depth of growth in the field is so thick. That section will be
weeded and then a mulch will be put on top to keep the weeds from
growing back while the plugs grow. All the first flowers that will be planted
will be native pollinator plants to help sustain our bees and local
pollinators. The first to be planted will be native Asters which will also add
a lovely color to that area. Motion to approve-Ellen McCormick. Seconded/
Pat Saunders. Motion approved unanimously to create a Memorial Meadow
for Peter Shih.

Kat McConnaughey; Solar Panels. Supported in part by Lachat, Grants and
town. The grant is for solar panels but there are lots of questions that need
to be answered before making a final decision. There is ongoing research
being done.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 and there was a motion to adjourn that was seconded and there was a unanimous acceptance of the motion by the commission members.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Ellen McCormick