

## **Approved Minutes-Lachat Town Farm May 2, 2023**

Meeting held by Zoom

Attending: Elizabeth Zeppernick, Ellen McCormick, Carol Baldwin, Katherine McConnaughey, Nicole Copans, Nick Bell, Erica Reiner (Guest: Anita Dinwoodie)

Motion to approve April 4, 2023 minutes, as published. Motion passed unanimously.

**Grounds (Ellen):** Need to clear weeds from the Pollinator Pathway Garden was discussed. Suggested that Ellen reach out to David Muller, Community Garden head, to see if CG gardeners would like to do their required volunteer hours helping with that task; a specified time would be suggested so that there would be guidance offered for the weeding. If a date is determined, Carol asked that the Commission and Board be notified so that they could pitch in. Also a Farm Work Day was suggested to be scheduled. Ellen said she would reach out to Stirling about that. High School interns could also help with weeding – with supervision; HS interns start towards the end of May.

**Event Sponsorship:** Anita Dinwoodie, Friends of Lachat Exec. Dir., joined the meeting to discuss finding sponsors for our events to help defray the costs. A google doc will be distributed again that Commission members can add their contacts, thoughts, suggestions. Ellen suggested that Anita create a Pitch info sheet that we could use when talking to potential sponsors; it would include number of folks in our database, communities reached, numbers attending the farm, etc. Erica mentioned “Giving Circles” and that perhaps that would be source of sponsorship. Anita mentioned that if there were someone from our community who might be interested in helping with finding sponsors for the farm, that would be terrific.

**Offutt Center Update (Carol):** The new building is on schedule with a

potential Opening Day celebration anytime from Labor Day on. Septic has been tied into the farmhouse and is operational. Interior trim is being worked on. Furnishings and finishes are being decided by the subcommittee. Ellen said she is working on ideas/location for Peter's Garden, a cutting garden, in memory of Peter Shih.

**Animal Update (Kat):** With animal health issues, Kat mentioned having a local vet who is well-versed in goats and bunnies would be very helpful.

**Other Business:** Tractor is back and working. The Maintenance Fund will cover the repair costs.

Audience of Citizens – none

Motion to dismiss - Motion made by Kat/seconded by Ellen. Meeting adjourned at 8:19.

The next meeting will be held on June 6, 2023.

Minutes approved on June 6, 2023