

Unapproved Minutes-Lachat Town Farm Commission

August 1, 2023

Meeting held by Zoom

Attending: Katherine McConnaughey (Chair), Ellen McCormick, Carol Baldwin, Nicholas Bell, Nicole Copans, Erica Reiner.

Meeting commenced at 7:38 and was recorded.

Motion made by Erica, 2nd by Ellen, to approve the July 5, 2023 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

We welcomed Kat as our new Chair and expressed our appreciation of her generously taking on this new role.

Offutt Center Update and Grand Opening Plans: Carol shared that the building is in the process of getting its finishing touches, which is very exciting. A/V and Wifi equipment is being installed. The kitchen counters have been installed and the kitchen exhaust hood and fire retardant system should go in this week and next. The donor wall artwork will go in the week of Aug. 14th. Ellen, Kat, and Alissa Stoltz are going to look into potential native plantings for the front of the Offutt Center as well as get ideas for appropriate native evergreen plantings to block the view of the transformer from the street.

A Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening is planned for Sunday, September 3 with events planned throughout the day and some events planned for Saturday.

ARPA projects: Carol has sent the plans for the Wetlands Crossing culvert design to 3 construction companies for bid. Ellen and Carol are working to organize 5 bids received for the Upper Field entrance public safety improvements in preparation for presenting them to the Town. Work on the public safety improvements for the path leading from the farmhouse to the upper field ("The Goat Path") has begun.

Other Business: Carol mentioned that the Farm has been approached about being a location for a filming in October. When Anita returns, we will check if the dates are ok. Carol will work with the filming requesters to see what exactly they are hoping to do.

This led to a general discussion about establishing rules for the usage of the farm. Some of the rules could be posted on the kiosk, and others on our website.

Kat asked if we wanted to change the date of our monthly meeting. It was decided our meeting will move to 7pm versus 7:30pm. We also suggested that Anita Dinwoodie, the farm's Executive Director should continue to give a quarterly financial report. Kat also asked that folks try to CC her as much as possible on emails, as she takes on her new role as Madame Chair!

Audience of Citizens – none

A motion was made by Carol and 2nd by Ellen to adjourn the meeting; motion passed with unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 5, 2023 **AT 7 PM** via zoom.

Minutes humbly submitted by Carol Baldwin.