

Item 10



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## [EXTERNAL] Lachat Town Farm Commission Membership

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**Katherine McConnaughey**

Mon, Feb 19, 2024 at 9:45 AM

To: Samantha Nestor <snestor@westonct.gov>

Cc: Darcy Admin <executiveassistant@westonct.gov>

Dear Sam,

This serves to follow up on our discussion of February 12 regarding the status of the Lachat Town Farm Commission.

As I noted when we spoke, the Board of Selectmen (BOS) voted October 5, 2023, on several items that affect the Commission.

We of the Commission were not aware of any of these items or the vote and therefore feel strongly that this action was not appropriate. We respectfully request that the vote on these matters be reversed.

Specifically, the BOS voted to:

- "Sunset" the Commission, which to our understanding means to eventually "do away with".
- Reduce Commission membership from 11 to 5 members.
- Change description of our role to "advisory".
- Change title from "Commission" to "Committee".
- Define the mission of the Commission as oversight of the maintenance fund.

The Commission serves a vital role as the town's oversight of the farm. We also serve to ensure that Leon Lachat's vision for the farm is maintained.

The outcome of this vote on the five items has the potential to greatly and negatively impact the responsibility and role of the Lachat Town Farm Commission.

We request that the Commission remain with seven members who are dedicated to Mr. Lachat's vision and to our community.

I will be happy to meet with you to discuss further and determine an appropriate path for reversing these decisions.

Respectfully,

Katherine