

Approved Minutes – Lachat Town Farm Commission

July 2, 2024

Meeting held in person at the Lachat Town Farm

Attending: Katherin McConnaughey (Chair), Ellen McCormick, Bruce Plotkin, Sitling Collins, Anita Dinwoodie, Exec. Director, Friends of Lachat; Aidan Baker, Asst. to Exec. Dir.

Meeting commenced at 7:30pm

Dispensed with the June minutes approval and the June minutes will be sent to commission members for their approval

Conservation Plan for the Wetlands – Lisa Brodlie gave her presentation concerning the new plan to tackle the barberry in the wetlands. The plan has been approved and will be executed at a to be determined date with crews to work on a grid plan to systematically remove the barberry and plant more appropriate plants in their place. Basically the grid will be worked to remove the berries first by putting the branches in bags and capturing the berries first and then the bushes will be pulled/dug out. This will need a large volunteer effort with Kiwanis, Soccer Clubs, Environmental class students, etc.

Anita – Music in the Meadow - The first Farmer’s Market of the season was a huge success. The next one will be Drew Angus which is also sold out. We will need to mow the field the week of July 8th. Ellen McCormick and David McConnaughey have volunteered to mow.

Barn addition – Kat and Stirling - We will be moving ahead with the addition to the carriage barn stalls. We will be using the front façade that will face the road. The project will most likely start towards the end of July weather permitting. There will also be a poured foundation for the posts and new access to the upstairs room for storing maintenance equipment, etc. This will generally clean up the whole area.

Farm Equipment Management – Stirling - The tractors and maintenance equipment has all been fixed and is ready to use.

Wishlist – Bruce Plotkin – Bruce explained that the Wish List system is difficult to use and he is looking into ways of changing it to make it a little more user friendly. He also mentioned he would be sending out thank you notes to those people who donate from the wish list.

Ground Maintenance – We will be mowing the dog bane immediately after it flowers but will not let it go to seed.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:15pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Ellen McCormick

