

**Meeting Minutes – Lachat Town Farm Commission
July 15, 2021 (Special Meeting)**

In Attendance: Elizabeth Zeppernick (Chair), Carol Baldwin, Kirby Brendsel, Terry Cho, Stirling Collins, Christina Koether, Erica Reiner.

Guest: Steven Haas, SHAcoustics

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 – Held via ZOOM.

Steven Haas of SHAcoustics reported on his sound study conducted this spring to test different decibel levels produced at the farm and their level when they reach contiguous property lines. He will conduct another study at the July 30 Farmers Market as an accommodation to neighbors who asked for a study to be done at an actual farm event hosting live music. A letter notifying neighbors of the sound study will be sent out in case the consultants have to step onto private property. The results of the study will be shared with the neighbors.

Carol Baldwin gave an overview of the programs that were held during the first half of 2021.

The Commission discussed the Master Plan for the farm, originally created 10 years ago, that was revised this spring. Some minor typos will be corrected. A suggestion was made to revisit the Master Plan on a regular basis, perhaps every 5 years or sooner.

Stirling Collins shared the news that the farm received two generous donations: A gently used ATV with a plow and trailer as well as a new OX400 ATV with a dump bed donated by the Weston Gun Club's Community Foundation.

Kirby Brendsel shared new signage proposals: a sign for the corner of Newtown Turnpike and Godfrey Road as well as a sign at the Upper Field entrance on Ladder Hill South. It was mentioned that the font should be consistent with our logo for branding purposes so Kirby will seek a new proposal that uses our logo font.

Elizabeth mentioned that if access to the 2nd floor apartment is needed, the tenants should be asked first.

Comments were received from the general public: concerns were raised about the training and caliber of our parking attendants and a recommendation that walkers as well as cars should be stopped from entering Walden Woods Lane and Old Field Lane; an opinion was made that our branding should be consistent; questions as to the frequency of revising our Master Plan; concern that the serving of alcohol on the farm invites an undesirable crowd.

Christina Koether mentioned that a generous donor to the farm allows the farm to buy produce from local farmers that is then passed along to various social services to be given to those in need.

Kirby made a motion to adjourn, Erica seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

The next regularly scheduled Lachat Town Farm Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday August 3rd at 7:30pm.