

Lee Agricultural Commission Minutes

May 28, 2019

Present: Erick Sawtelle, Chuck Cox, Dwight Barney, Ken Brisson, Tyler Murray, Laura Gund and Cary Brown, Select Board Rep.

Guests present: Member of the Chester, NH Agricultural Commission, as well as members of the Candia Agricultural Commission.

Candia and Chester Ag. Commissions: They discussed their various problems with their towns. We talked about the make up of an agricultural Commission, and making sure you have farmers on the board. We also talked about how to start up the commission, possibly do a Cost of Community Services survey. Go through the warrant articles, make plans to get the local farmers interested. Cary talked about all of the Lee Ag. Comm. activities throughout the year.

Minutes: Add Chuck Cox's name to the list of attendees at the April 30th meeting. Dwight moves, Ken seconds, accepting the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

Financial: As of today, we have \$5099.28 in our account, which includes the Farmers Market account.

Backyard Farming Initiative: This year's series has ended and it was a successful series. There were about 35 people at the last meeting. There is no subject as yet for next years' program. If any one has ideas, please pass them along. Possible subject could be Pollinator plants.

Farmers Market: The first market of 2019 will be held this coming Thursday, May 30th. It looks to be a good group with an interesting variety of products.

Lee Fair: the fair is coming right up on September 7th. We will do our usual activities: farm games, pig roast/chicken barbecue, etc.

TCVC (Town Center Vision Committee): Cary reports that they are still actively meeting. The Parish House is on their agenda now, possibly refurbishing the Parish House for town offices. They are drafting plans for a revised town center.

Next meeting will be June 25, 2019.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund.