

# Lee Agricultural Commission Minutes

July 30, 2019

**Present:** Erick Sawtelle, Ken Brisson, Kristen Cisneros, Paul Gasowski, Chuck Cox, Dwight Barney and Cary Brown, Selectmen's Representative. Jamie Duggan from Dog Rose Farm was a visitor.

**Minutes:** The June 25<sup>th</sup> Agricultural Comm. meeting was cancelled. Minutes of May 28, 2019 were read and approved as read, with a motion by Ken and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck.

**Lee Fair:** Paul will locate the local veggies we need for the fair supper, using the same list as last year. We will also use some Tendercrop Farm chicken. Paul will check prices and availability. We had a fairly lengthy discussion about the price of supper tickets. We made a motion, then cancelled it, to raise the price from \$10 and \$5 to \$12 and \$8. Then we decided to keep the same rate. Laura moved, and Ken seconded a motion to give Kristen \$75 for the prizes for the Best of Harvest contest. Motion passed.

**Sustainability Comm.:** They are working with the Solid Waste Committee to put compost bins out at the fair, to gather waste from the supper. They plan to have a couple of bins, with a couple of volunteers to supervise and Steve (Transfer Station manager) will pick them up after the fair. Paul said compostable dishes would be helpful (we already use compostable plates.) We discussed utensils. Paul feels it would be better for the first year just to compost food waste. There are 50-60 families participating in the compost program.

**Best of Harvest:** Kristen is working on this, rethinking the prizes. The judges will be the UNH students again.

**Fair Games:** Chuck says this is pretty well organized now. There will be a few changes.

**Backyard Farming Initiative:** Chuck reports that the committee will meet and are making plans for next year. Chuck explained the Backyard Farming program to Jamie.

**Finances:** Paul stated that the Sustainability Committee paid \$500 to the Lee Grange for last years' Backyard Farming programs. We have \$3217.10 in our accounts, which includes the \$1953.02 that belongs to the Farmers Market. Ken moved and Dwight seconded a motion to have an open account for Erick to buy what he needs for the fair. Motion passed.

**Durham Farm Day** will be August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Lee Planning Board:** They are doing a site evaluation of farms that sell to the public to make sure there is enough parking and no safety issues.

Next meeting will be August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund.