

October 29, 2019

Lee Agricultural Commission

Present at this meeting were Erick Sawtelle, Chuck Cox, Dwight Barney, Paul Gasowski, Ken Brisson, Donna Lee Woods, Tyler Murray, as well as Cary Brown, representing the Board of Selectmen.

Mimi Winder, 20 Little Hook Road, also attended.

Minutes: Ken moves to accept the minutes of September 24th as written. Dwight seconds the motion and motion passes.

Finances: As of September 24th, the total amount in our account was \$5235.12 and of this, \$3232.10 was the Ag. Commissions' while the Farmers Market portion was \$2003.02. At this time, \$350 to the Grange, for the use of the kitchen during the fair, has not been paid. So the Ag. Com. account is actually \$3232.10 plus \$3335 from the fair, minus \$350 to the Grange, Dog Rose Farm (\$90 for onions) and \$1200 (video production Backyard Farming).

Budget: Since we have extra money in the account from the fair, perhaps we should revisit the previous motion to request \$1000 from the Town for this fiscal year. Paul moves to NOT request any funds this year and Dwight seconds. The motion passes.

Backyard Farming: This years' title is "A New Hampshire Yankee in a Consumer World: Create a Sustainable Life." Programs will include Victory Gardens, fabrics, old hand tools. We should check with the Historical Society for old hand tools.

Lee Use Less: Paul mentioned the contest to submit the "most useless item in your house", winner to be announced at the Fix it – Mend it – Repurpose It Workshop, on November 2nd, from 1-4 in the Mast Way School gym. There will be 12 exhibits, including Cary Brown discussing the repair of electrical appliances. Other events will include a "waste less" meal at the school. There will also be an arts festival featuring repurposed articles.

Town Center Committee: Cary Brown reported the committee is preparing to present their latest plan. They have received 2 estimates for someone to look at the Town Hall and the Parish House. That has been approved. Once the estimates are in hand, they can see where we are and where we can go from here. This is a hard working committee.

Board of Selectmen meeting: At a recent meeting the School Superintendent spoke about the new school which will involve a 3% increase in the annual budget.

Madbury Farmers: Chuck reported that three farmers in Madbury made a presentation to their fellow towns people. Chuck recommended that they might want to start an Ag. Commission in Madbury and could visit our Commission in Lee.

Natural Resources (UNHExtension): Mimi Winder talked about a sustainability program in Canterbury which will involve sustainability issues and invasives. Then we talked about Asian jumping worms.

November 26th will be the next meeting.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund