

## Lee Agricultural Commission

**November 26, 2019**

**Present:** Erick Sawtelle, Chuck Cox, Dwight Barney, Ken Brisson, Donna Lee Woods, Paul Gasowski, Laura Gund and Selectmen's Representative, Cary Brown.

**Minutes:** Dwight made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting, Ken seconded the motion and minutes were approved.

**Finances:** At this time there is \$2003.02 in the Farmers Market account, \$4967.10 in the Ag. Comm. account, for a total of \$6970.12.

**UseLess:** Paul gave an account of the Fix it-Mend it-Repurpose it Workshop which was held at Mast Way School recently. There were 10 tables set up for activities and even though the attendance was not great, the program seemed well organized and enjoyed by those who did attend. The exhibitors enjoyed it and would like to come back. Cary, who was a demonstrator, felt people were having fun and he thought it went very well. Paul also talked about having a Waste Less meal, sometime after the holidays and combining events with the high school, possibly using the cafeteria and multipurpose rooms. There could an exhibit for people to show how they repurpose things, then a square dance. Other groups/commissions and towns could be invited. In order to break even a meal would have to serve 60 people. They have already saved the multi-purpose room and cafeteria for a possible March 17<sup>th</sup> date.

**Backyard Farming Initiative:** January 27<sup>th</sup> will be the first of this Backyard Farming series which is entitled "A New Hampshire Yankee in a Consumer World: Create a Sustainable Life." Ruth Eifert, librarian, has compiled an extensive list of books available in the library which pertain to this program. This first one will include home efforts during WWI, as well as food security and gleaning. Paul reported that he has left videos of last years' programs at the library where they will be available to borrow.

**NHAITC** (NH Agriculture in the Classroom): Laura explained a bit about Ag in the Classroom and its small budget. As a result Ken moved to give \$100 to the AITC program, Dwight seconded and the motion passed. There was further discussion about AITC.

**TCVC:** Cary brought us up to date on the goings on of the TCVC committee. The committee is preparing a presentation for town meeting, also an Open House at the Town Hall.

Next meeting will be December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund