

**Lee Agricultural Commission**  
**September 28, 2021**

**Present:** Erick Sawtelle, Dwight Barney, Donna Lee Woods, Ken Brisson, Chuck Cox, Laura Gund and guest and former Commission member, Dave Miner.

**Minutes:** Minutes of August 24<sup>th</sup> were read and approved, with Dwight making a motion and Ken seconding.

**Financial:** As of September 24<sup>th</sup>, the Farmers Market fund was \$2003.02 and the Commission fund, including income from the barbecue was \$5385.62, for a total of \$7388.64.

**Barbecue supper:** The total income from the Lee Fair barbecue was \$3560, with expenses so far of \$1436.68. Some items have not been paid, including a payment to the Grange for use of the building during food preparation. 395 tickets were sold, with 154 chicken requests and 240 pork. There were 15 servings left over and we ran out of chicken, tomato salad and bean salad, as well as baked beans and refrigerator pickles. Ken brought 400 muffins and there were six left. Out of 25 dozen ears of corn, there were 10 ears left over. **Ken made a motion to give the Grange \$500 for the use of the kitchen for supper preparations. Dwight seconded and the motion passed.**

**Lee Fair:** Everyone loved the condensed version of the fair. There were no vendors due to the shortened hours. Possibly another commission could support an arts and crafts fair next year. Bingo was part of the entertainment and was a success. Other changes for next year were discussed.

**Little River Park:** We discussed possible additions to the park that we could support, using volunteer labor and donated materials, without using town funds, as suggested by Chuck. One thing we discussed was a small building to store food for events (refrigeration needed) which ORYA could use as a concession stand. Would other groups use such a building? Does a kiosk make sense? **Dwight made a motion to start a committee, (sub-committee of the Ag. Commission) to study the feasibility and cost of construction of a general-purpose building at the Park for different groups to use and for town events. Ken seconded the motion and the motion passed.** Dave Miner and Donna Lee Woods agreed to be on the building committee.

**Breakfast:** Our annual March breakfast, which we traditionally put on with Strafford County Farm Bureau, was postponed until October and then cancelled. However, many folks would like the Ag. Commission to do the breakfast once again on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Because of the fact that many prices have gone up, including bacon, we should probably raise ticket prices to \$12 and \$8. Friday and Saturday will be prep at the Grange. This breakfast will be hailed as the "Last Hoorah of the Season" and will be from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. **Ken made a motion for necessary breakfast items to be purchased ahead of time. DonnaLee seconded and the motion passed.**

**Membership:** Dave Miner would like to become a member of the Commission again. He will fill out an application to go to the Selectmen.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup> in the Town Offices Conference Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund