

## **Lee Agricultural Commission Minutes**

### **October 26, 2021**

**Present:** Erick Sawtelle, Donna Lee Woods, Kristen Cisneros, Chuck Cox, Laura Gund and guests, Dave Miner and from Durham, Ray LaRochelle.

**Minutes:** The minutes of September 28, 2021 were approved.

**Finances:** At this time, we have \$7078.73 in our account. \$2003.02 belongs to the Farmers' Market, with the remainder, \$5075.71 in the Agricultural Commission account. This includes income and expenses incurred for the recent breakfast.

**October breakfast:** Income from the breakfast came to \$2021 and expenses were \$1856. There are still some expenses, leaving not much profit. Left-over food will either be purchased or remain frozen, while left over materials will be used another time. 149 adults and 17 kids attended this breakfast. There are tentative plans to have another breakfast in the spring. *Chuck made a motion to donate \$250 to the Grange for the use of the kitchen. Chuck also made a motion to reimburse Erick \$253.56 for various expenses. Both motions passed.*

**Durham Agricultural Commission:** The Durham Ag. Commission, along with folks from Madbury and Lee, is interested in getting people together to discuss local agricultural matters. Ray explained that Durham has some issues, such as neighbors of Emery Farm not wanting animals (not even a petting farm). They, the Commission, feel it would be a good idea to discuss problems and means of solving them. We had a general discussion of problems facing farmers nowadays. It is suggested that we get together and talk about these problems and get more people involved. Talked about possible contacts.

**Youth in Agriculture:** Following the recent breakfast, \$115 was donated to the Youth in Agriculture Fund. *Donna Lee made a motion to send \$500 to Youth in Agriculture from the breakfast funds. Chuck seconded the motion and it passed.*

**Concession Stand:** We discussed the merits of having a concession stand set up at Little River Park. Discussed asking for a budget item for a small building at the park.

**Budget:** After some discussion, *Laura made a motion to not request any money for our budget, Chuck seconded the motion and it passed.*

**Planning:** We will tentatively plan a breakfast in March, as in previous years, hopefully to be held at the Grange, co-sponsored with Strafford County Farm Bureau, COVID permitting.

**Outreach:** Chuck talked to us about some of our other activities, or lack thereof while we battled COVID; such as the Farmers Market, Backyard Farming Initiative, etc. and we had a general discussion about it, not knowing what the future holds.

Next meeting is tentatively planned for November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund

