Lee Agricultural Commission Minutes

August 29, 2019

Present: Erick Sawtelle, Ken Brisson, Dwight Barney, Chuck Cox, Laura Gund, Paul Gasowski and Cary Brown, Selectmen’s Representative.

Minutes: Minutes from July 30, 2019 were read and accepted as read, with Dwight making a motion and Ken seconding.

Finances: No changes other than a payment for charcoal ($85.00). In our accounts there is $3219.10 in the Commission account and $1953.02 in the Farmers Market Account. There are various items, related to the fair, on the town credit card, totaling $116.94.

Lee Fair: Food prep will take place on the Thursday before the fair with set-up on Friday for tables and chairs and tent. Ken and his wife will make 350 corn muffins! Chuck has help for farm games: Boy Scouts, UNH students and Tim Anderson from DooBeeDoo Farm. Paul says plenty of offers of fresh food.

Backyard Farming Initiative: Next year’s title is “A New Hampshire Yankee in a Consumer’s Court,” Yankee ingenuity in the everyday Backyard Farmer. Talks will be about Recycling, Repairing and Reusing materials with less waste in mind. Beginning January 2020.

Sustainability Comm.: This committee will introduce “Lee Use Less Campaign” at the fair as their annual program focusing on reducing, repairing, reselling or recycling. There will be monthly themes, starting in September. He wondered if the Ag Comm would be part of this program with the Backyard Farming program. Ken makes a motion to support the Sustainability and Solid Waste Committees in their Lee Use Less Campaign. Motion passes.

Membership: A motion was made by Chuck that we recommend that Jamie Duggan, from Dog Rose Farm, submit an application to be on the Lee Agricultural Committee. Ken seconded the motion and it passed.

Next meeting will be September 24, 2019.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund.