Lee Agricultural Commission
January 28, 2020

Present: Erick Sawtelle, Chuck Cox, Dwight Barney, Ken Brisson, Donna Lee Wood, Laura Gund.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 26, 2019 meeting were read, Ken made a motion to accept the minutes, Donna Lee seconded and the motion passed.

Finances: Same as last month. Donna Lee said there have been no changes.

Backyard Farming Initiative: Yashira Ponce has requested $1000 for filming four sessions of the Backyard Farming program. Laura made a motion to pay Yashira $500 (half of the total amount) with last night’s filming to be reviewed. Ken seconded the motion and it was approved. Last year we paid the Grange $350 for the use of the building.

Backyard Farming Initiative #2: Chuck announced that next month, February, will be about fiber. It will be a show and tell with various presenters. Last night 30 people attended the program, “Victory at Home”, a historical perspective of Lee during the First World War. Flyers have gone out to the Madbury and Dover libraries.

Pancake Breakfast: The breakfast will be Sunday, March 15th. Snow date will be March 22nd. Anyone is welcome to help. 4-H kids will serve again. Food prep will be Saturday. Entertainment may be the Lamprey River Band (Chuck will check). Strafford County Farm Bureau has sent out posters. It will be on NeighborLee Facebook, and also will be advertised in Durham by the Durham Ag. Commission.

Farm and Forest: There will be an agricultural commission discussion at the upcoming Farm and Forest event, February 14 and 15.

TCVC: There will be two more open houses at the Town Hall. The first one was successful.

Buy local dairy: We discussed the petition Laura brought in. Erick will speak to the Ag Commissioner about this. Resolution: Erick proposed that “We support New Hampshire’s Own Dairy Promotion Program and the publicizing of the program.” Dwight seconded and the resolution passed.

Ag in the Classroom book: The current book they are selling for classrooms is “Right This Very Minute”. The books sell for $5 and Laura made a motion to buy up to 3 books for the library. She will check with Katherine Moore, School Nurse at Mast Way, to see if the school would like a book. Ken seconded the motion and it was approved.

Next meeting will be February 25th at 6:30. Minutes submitted by Laura Gund.