

LEE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

April 29, 2015

Present: Erick Sawtelle, Chuck Cox, Dwight Barney, Donna-Lee Woods, Paul Gasowski and Laura Gund.

Guest: Jonathan Kohanski

Minutes: Approved as amended

Finances: There is \$7268.93 in the Agricultural Commission fund and \$1318.00 in the Farmers Market. No changes from last month.

Backyard Farming Initiative: There were about 30 people “with a strong sense of community” at the most recent program. It was a good program, presented by Wendy Fogg, Misty Meadows Farm, and Amanda Hansen from Boulder Brook Farm. At the next program, which will be the final one for this year, we should ask the attendees what they would like to see in the coming year. “Organic Gardening” was discussed as a possibility for next year. We discussed how to get more “in-depth” in the events, rather than just skimming the surface. Chuck Cox and Donna-Lee Woods will continue on the committee.

Lee Fair 2015: There have been questions as to how to handle the fair money – the town Trust Fund or the Police Association. At this time it has been decided to go with the Trustees of the Trust Fund. The committee members must be approved by the Board of Selectmen and then sworn in. Then it will be officially the Lee Fair Committee. The plans are to continue with the fair as it has been in the last couple of years.

Master Plan: As of this time, there is no time line for the Master Plan, but there is talk of a questionnaire going out to the public. We discussed our Goals and Action Items from the previous Master Plan. We will read the agricultural section of Durham’s Master Plan. We talked about housing and ag tourism and “trying to figure out a way to have affordable worker housing.” There is only one house allowed per lot, although an attached apartment is ok.

Other items might be: “Return to the Town Meeting form of government.” “Global warming.” We will discuss Goals and Actions Items in May.

Farmers Market: Discussion about vendors insurance. This will go before the Board of Selectmen.

May 26th is the date of the next meeting.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund