

Lee Agricultural Commission

August 28, 2018

Present: Erick Sawtelle, Chuck Cox, Ken Brisson, Paul Gasowski, Dwight Barney, Donna Lee Woods, Amanda Gourgue, Laura Gund and Selectmen's Representative, Cary Brown.

Guests: Three people representing Bedrock Gardens.

Bedrock Gardens: This involved a lengthy discussion regarding Lee's zoning regulations and agritourism. The final decision was for Bedrock Gardens to contact Shawn Jasper, Commissioner, at the Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food and ask him to make a decision, as the NHDAM&F has the final jurisdiction, not the town. Paul made the following motion: *I move that the Lee Agricultural Commission become co-signatory on a letter to Shawn Jasper, Commissioner of the New Hampshire Dept. of Agriculture, Markets and Food, on behalf of Bedrock Gardens, to seek determination whether specific listed activities constitute the definition of agritourism that are a nexus to their agricultural operation.* Ken seconded the motion and it passes with one abstention (Amanda Gourgue). This motion is to accompany a letter from Bedrock Gardens to the Commissioner.

Minutes: The minutes of July 31, 2018 were approved with one correction (change spelling of Ken's name from Brissen to Brisson). Passed unanimously.

Financial: The Ag Commission has \$3878.95 in their account, along with \$2114.82 belonging to the Farmers Market.

Lee Fair: Chuck reported that the Farm Games would be about the same as last year. They need someone to do registrations. Ten students from UNH (AGR fraternity) will be here all day to help out as needed. Chuck could use 2 helpers for the farm games. Erick will make small hay bales for the games. Kristen has things "under control" for the Best of Harvest. Supper will be served from 5:30 – 7:00 with an ice cream social at 6:30 to 8:00, at which time the fireworks will start. Paul will find local vegetables for the supper.

Budget: We discussed having a kiosk in the town center and felt that the idea should be presented to the TCVC (Town Center Vision Committee). Dwight makes a motion "to ask for \$1000 for the budget to be used for a new kiosk"; Chuck seconds and the motion passes.

Storage Container: We also discussed storage for the large amount of paper goods, utensils, stoves, etc. that are necessary for putting on a public meal, such as the fair supper and the March breakfast. Cary looked into the availability of the storage container that sits next to the "Hobo" Shed. At this time the container is empty, but the doors are too small for it to be usable.

Next meeting will be September 25, 2018.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund.