

Lee Agricultural Commission

August 29, 2016

Present: Erick Sawtelle, Chuck Cox, Dwight Barney, Paul Gasowski, Jonathan Kohanski and Laura Gund.

Selectmen's representative Cary Brown was also present.

Minutes: The financial total in the July minutes was not correct. With that change, Dwight moved to accept the minutes and Chuck seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Financial: There were a couple of expenditures, including \$61.38 for charcoal (Lee Fair pig roast) as well as \$938 to Wharf Industries, leaving a total of \$5222.29. The Farmers Market had two deposits, totaling \$102.50 for a total of \$1854.10.

Paul made a motion to appropriate up to \$1200 for expenses for the pig roast/chicken barbecue at the Lee Fair on September 10th. Dwight seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Pig Roast/Chicken Barbecue: There was some discussion about the need for a small freezer for keeping ice cream at the fair. Erick will check with Caren Rossi about buying a freezer before September 10th. It could be stored at the Safety Complex.

Paul moves to authorize Erick to investigate purchase of a freezer, spending up to \$500. Dwight seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Settlers JubiLee: Brian Ferguson, at Flag Hill Winery which hosted this dinner, served 130+ dinners. We should invite Brian and Chef James to our next meeting as apparently they did not break even and there may have been a problem with communication amongst all involved. Not as many vendors were there, as Brian had hoped would be.

Lee Fair: Discussed Farm Games at the fair. Paul and Chuck will chair this event as in the past. Laura mentioned that she needed something for the program from Paul. Talked about location of various events at the fair: barbecue, serving tent, horseshoe pits, tractor pull, antique cars, old tractors, farm games, etc. There's a lot going on. Chuck and Paul could use some help with the games. Grey Cornwell from Madbury has offered to handle the horseshoe games. There was a lengthy discussion about the rules for playing horseshoes. Erick will get rules so they can be in the program. We also discussed the cooking and serving schedule.

Backyard Farming Initiative: Chuck stated that there had been a couple of meetings and it was decided to have programs about "Past and Present Farming in Lee" with folks sharing their own experiences on their farms. They are looking for presenters for this program which will be held the fourth Mondays of January, February, March, April and May, 2017.

Master Plan: The final presentation will be tomorrow night, August 31st, 7:00 p.m., downstairs at the Safety Complex.

Newsletter: We would like to know the cost of putting out a newsletter, from Laurel Cox, and have a conversation about this at our next meeting in September.

Next meeting will be held on September 27, 2016.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund

