

August 30, 2011

Lee Agricultural Commission

Present were Erick Sawtelle, Dwight Barney, Paul Gasowski, Donna Lee Wood, Laurel Cox, Laura Gund

**Minutes:** The minutes of July 26, 2011 were accepted as read.

**Financial Report:** We have a combined (Ag. Comm. and Farmer's Markets) sum in our account of \$5709.40.

**Annual Report:** Discussed the draft report, being prepared for the Town Report.

**Pickle/pie contest:** Wendy will not be here for the pickle/pie contest at the Lee Country Fair. Paul and Annie Gasowski will help out. There is some question about what has been done and where the tents are. They would like to be sure baked goods are made from scratch. They also need forms, rules, etc. The judges will be town employees and volunteers. Paul will read Wendy's notes to see what she has done towards this contest.

**Harvest Supper at Lee Old Home Day:** There will be tickets for sale in the Town Hall. Will the recreation commission have a booth at the fair? If so, they could sell tickets. Tina might be able to sell tickets at her flower stand at the fair, as well as at Farmer's Market. General discussion of the up-coming Harvest Supper (9/24). Erick discussed the costs of the pig(s) as well as misc. costs. He feels around \$1300 will be the maximum cost to us. We could sell tickets for \$10 adults and \$5 for kids 14 and under. If we had 100 adults and 100 kids we would break even. "This is not a fund raiser, it's a community event." We went over the proposed menu and the cost. Dave Miner's big tent will be available for dining under with a smaller tent for prep. Suggested that folks bring a blanket and chair. Caren Rossi has sent out a notice for volunteers to help with putting up the tent and taking it down, food prep, serving, etc. We discussed ways of getting volunteers to help, possibly setting up a grid to circulate on the e-crier. Annie Gasowski will work on the dessert contest – bring a dessert, get a free meal. There will be a place for voting on the back of the meal ticket. Someone needs to make the tickets. Since the Harvest Supper date is coming right up, we will have two more meetings on September 12<sup>th</sup> and September 20<sup>th</sup>. Donna Lee will take advertising material in to Chris Buslovich after getting approval from the selectmen.

**Directory:** Nothing new.

**Backyard Farming Initiative:** Donna Lee Woods and Blaine Cox will be meeting with the new library director to discuss these programs.

**Joel Salatino:** Laurel announced that Green Start has gotten Joel Salatino to speak in this area. They are trying to get ORHS for the event on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Joel owns Polyface Farm and has been practicing sustainable methods for many years. A motion was made, by Paul, that we lend our name to Green Start to help with the promotion of this talk by Joel Salatino. Dwight 2<sup>nd</sup>s the motion and it is passed unanimously.

Next meeting: September 27, 2011.