

Lee Agricultural Commission

December 18, 2018

Present: Erick Sawtelle, Chuck Cox, Ken Brisson, Dwight Barney, Amanda Gourgue, Donna Lee Wood, Paul Gasowski, Kirsten Cisneros, Laura Gund. Cary Brown, Selectmen's representative, was also in attendance. Guests were Shelly Anderson and Tyler Murray from Doo-Bee-Doo Farm.

Minutes: The November 27, 2018 minutes were read and accepted with the addition of two members' names.

Backyard Farming Initiative: The Backyard Farming program is all set to begin next month (January 2019). The initial program will be "Forestry: Care and feeding" with Don Quigley, retired UNH Forestry, leading the discussion. Also, at this meeting, Paul Gasowski will speak on the Lee's Trees Project which the Lee Sustainability Committee has been sponsoring.

Changes to the agricultural ordinances: After a lengthy discussion, Ken made a motion that *the Agricultural Commission endorses the proposed draft of changes to the agricultural ordinances, as proposed on December 18, 2018, incorporating NH RSA 21:34-A as the definition of agriculture, amending definitions of permanent and temporary farm stands*. Paul seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Proposed warrant article: Paul made a motion that we *put draft language into a petition warrant article as a "place holder" pending the outcome of the January 10th Planning Board hearing*. Dwight seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be January 29, 2019.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund