

Lee Agricultural Commission

February 23, 2016

Present: Erick Sawtelle, Dwight Barney, Paul Gasowski, Chuck Cox, Laura Gund

Guest: Annie Ferguson from Flag Hill.

Minutes: Dwight moved to accept the minutes of January 26, 2016 with corrections. (wrong date at the end of the minutes and Paul didn't attend the meeting).

Finances: No changes. The brochure money is coming in. At this time there are only a couple more ads to include.

Backyard Farming Initiative: 38 folks attended last night's meeting. It was a good program, Soil Fertility: the birds and beets with Eric and Becky Sideman. We will get it in the Market Bulletin and also on the NH Farm Bureau weekly events column. There will also be a large poster at the breakfast that is coming up in March. Next year, Chuck says they will discuss how farms have changed in Lee over the last 250 years.

Flag Hill Celebration: Annie Ferguson (Brian's wife) from Flag Hill brought tentative menus to us.

250th Celebration: Paul is planning a Lee Remembers evening in March. He has videos and is looking for photos.

"Bummer" wheels: For years there was a pair of wheels in front of the old New Hampshire Highway Hotel and Roger Sanborn donated them to the Webster Historical Society. Lee Sawyer, of Jaffrey, apparently rebuilt these wheels at one point. Apparently the situation is that if we fix up the wheels, the Webster Historical Society will loan them to us for this summer's parade. Erick will check with someone in Webster and possibly there will be a road trip to visit the wheels. Tim Huppe, Sanborn Mill Farm, remembers that Chronicle did a piece on the rebuilding of these wheels.

March breakfast: Paul has a poster started. Cooking will start on Saturday, March 12th, the day before the breakfast and anyone is welcome to help.

Master Plan: Further discussion of the Master Plan. Talked about having a short history: this is what we've already done and this (Action Items) is what we hope to accomplish in the future.

Next meeting: April 26, 2016.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund.