

## Lee Agricultural Commission

February 26, 2019

**Present:** Erick Sawtelle, Chuck Cox, Dwight Barney, Donna Lee Woods, Kristen Cisneros and Laura Gund. Also in attendance was Tyler Murray from Doo-Bee-Doo Farm and Selectmen's Representative, Cary Brown.

**Minutes:** Dwight moved to accept the minutes of January 29, 2019. Chuck seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Backyard Farming Initiative:** Last night the Backyard Farming Initiative program was well attended with 35 - 40 folks showing up. Jen Messeder and Alan Eaton were the presenters. Jen talked about the animals and birds she sees in her backyard, while Alan discussed bugs (his favorite subject).

**Town Center Vision Committee:** They had a meeting today and at this time, just before voting, there were no major changes. They focused on questions from townspeople. A kiosk is being planned in the future Town Center. We discussed the kiosk possibly looking like a small barn.

**Pancake Breakfast:** The breakfast is coming right up on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Much help is needed: the cooking trailer has to be moved, tables and chairs set up, fruit salad made, potatoes cooked, strata prepared, etc., etc. Some of this will be done at the Strafford County Farm Bureau meeting being held at the Grange on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Set up will be on Friday, cooking on Saturday and breakfast will be served at 7:30 Sunday. The Woolmark 4-H Sheep Club and parents will be our servers.

**Bedrock Gardens:** Chuck reported that the Planning Board gave Bedrock Gardens a permit to put in a parking lot. They restricted their open hours to 9 - 4 Monday through Friday and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 9-4.

**Farm Stands:** a couple of farms have applied for farm stand permits: DooBeeDoo Farm with seasonal vegetables and a CSA pick up. And another farm on Rt. !52.

**Farmers Market:** As it gets closer to market time again, a lot of vendors are coming back again this year, including the popular fish vendor.

**Finances:** Same as last month: \$5531.82 in the account, with \$2114.82 in Farmers Market and \$3417.10 in the Ag. Account.

Next meeting will be March 26, 2019 at 6:30.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund.