

Lee Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2018

Present: Erick Sawtelle, Donna Lee Woods, Kristen Cisneros, Chuck Cox, Dwight Barney, Ken Brisson, Paul Gasowski, Amanda Gourgue, Laura Gund

Guest: Michael Zahorik, who is studying for a doctorate at UNH, in COLSA's Natural Resources.

Minutes. The minutes of January 29, 2018 were read and Dwight moved to accept them as corrected, while Ken seconded. Minutes approved.

Financial: The finances were the same as last month. The Farmers Market would like to remove \$1000 from the Farmers Market portion of the account to use in sending post cards to every home in Lee, advertising the farmers market. An additional \$25 is requested for membership in the N.H. Farmers Market Association. Donna Lee made a motion to use the money for this reason. Motion passed.

Brochure: We went through the farm list and hopefully, by our next meeting in March, we will have all ads in, plus photos. We will have to tell Wharf Industries what color theme we want, new photos, ads, etc. Next month we will select photos, check all words, places on the map, etc. Also, annual activities the Commission is involved in.

Pancake Breakfast: The date is Sunday, March 18th. There will be prep on Saturday and early morning arrival on Sunday. Cabot Cheese has donated cheese and butter to the breakfast. Woolmark 4=H club will be our servers. The breakfast officially starts at 7:30, but we should be prepared by 7:00.

Backyard Farming Initiative: Jill Nooney of Bedrock Gardens and Tom Lee were the presenters at the Backyard Farming program last night. They spoke about their own gardens. There were 52 people in attendance. Next month Annie and Paul Gasowski will be our speakers.

Seacoast Harvest: They have asked that we put an ad in their publication and we discussed this. Paul made a motion to purchase a "Seed Sponsorship" in the Seacoast Harvest publication for \$100. Chuck 2nds and the motion passes.

Commission Member Terms: Several members terms will be up soon: Dwight, Paul, and Jonathan Kohanski. At this time Kristen and Ken are alternates. Ken would like to be full time, Kristen prefers to be an alternate.

Bedrock Gardens: They have been to the Planning Board. The town is hiring counsel to determine whether they are covered under Agricultural Tourism.

Legislative activity: Amanda brought us up to date on a few things. HB1233 re: product regulation, was requested by the Department of Agriculture.

Our next meeting will be March 27th at 7 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund