

February 28, 2012

Lee Agricultural Commission

January meeting cancelled due to a conflict in dates with another Commission.

Present: Erick Sawtelle, Dwight Barney, Laura Gund, Donna Lee Woods, Laurel Cox

Guests: Jess Cranny and John Bunker, students from the University of New England. They were here for a Citizenship Course assignment to visit a "town meeting."

The January meeting was cancelled due to a conflict with another commission meeting in town.

Minutes: accepted as read.

Financial Report: There was no financial report tonight. Unfortunately, Wendy Fogg has found that, due to her present situation, she must resign as treasurer. Thank you, Wendy, for what you have done. Fortunately, Donna Lee Woods has agreed to do the necessary bookkeeping.

Noble Farm: Discussion of the Noble Farm property and the up-coming vote regarding it. Jewel McKenzie from UNH and David Boynton, director of Seacoast Local, are discussing starting a food hub. Paul Gasowski has been communicating with them, with the possibility of using the Noble Farm property.

Newsletter: The cost of the newsletter, which is due out this week, is \$1480. The Energy Committee would like to pay \$500 towards the cost.

Community Directory: Rick Miller was contacted and he was ready to go on this, but then had some personal problems which took his time away from the directory. Erick explained the directory and our plans for the future to Jess and John .

Motion: Donna Lee made a motion as follows: *Move that Laurel search for a grant which would provide funds for the publication of an agricultural brochure, with map.* Second by Dwight. Passed unanimously. Laura will contact Wayne and Ruth Mann in Canterbury to ask how much it cost for the Canterbury Agricultural Commission to publish their very attractive brochures.

Volunteering. The Commission talked to Jess about volunteering and the fact that there was always room for more volunteers, especially young, energetic folks.

I.T.: Erick spoke to Julie Glover, our Town Administrator, regarding the state of the I.T staff and getting information on line in a timely manner. Also discussed using Face Book to promote the Farmer's Market. At this time, however, we will go ahead on our own and get a directory of farms in town with a map. At a later date we will join forces with other town commissions and committees.

Lee Fair: General discussion about the Lee Fair/Old Home Day/ Little River Fest event. We agreed that someone has to take the lead in order for this to happen. An old home day event should be scheduled for September 8, 2012, which would have been the date of the annual Lee Fair. This event should also include Little River Fest, as well as aspects of the Lee Fair. Apparently the Recreation Commission would

like to combine events again. Some events: Pickle, Pie, etc. contest, Pig Roast/Chicken Barbecue, Tractor Parade, Dessert Contest. We will set a meeting date for March 14th, 7 p.m.

Next meeting will be March 27, 2012.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund