

## Lee Agricultural Commission

January 6, 2016

This meeting is held in January due to the snowstorm that forced cancellation of the December 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Present:** Donna-Lee Woods, Erick Sawtelle, Steve Haendler, Dwight Barney, Chuck Cox, Paul Gasowski, Laura Gund

Guests were Brian Ferguson from Flag Hill Winery and Frank Reinhold, Jr.

**Minutes:** Motion was made to accept the minutes of November 24, 2015 as written. Approved.

**Finances:** There is \$7659.62 in the budget now. Fair money has not been transferred yet. A motion was made by Dwight to transfer \$1551.73 to the Fair Account, from the Ag. Commission account. Motion approved.

**Settlers JubiLee:** A celebration of Lee Agriculture at the Flag Hill Winery in August. Frank stated they have the list from the “Supper Committee” of foods available from Lee growers and they can work with that list. For those who wish to do so, this will be a “1766 Costume Party. Some discussion about showcasing Lee agriculture at this event and showing the diversity of agriculture in Lee. Perhaps demonstrations, animals. There will be small hors d’oeuvres and small portions. Frank asked whether the Ag. Commission was ready and willing to provide some “entertainment” for this event. Paul made a motion that we explore the possibilities of providing entertainment and education at the Settlers JubiLee, by inviting vendors, artisans and farm-related activities. This motion was seconded by Steve Haendler. Brian has offered to do the ticket sales for this event and poster creation, if need be.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Strafford Cty. Farm Bureau and the Lee Ag. Commission, assisted by the 250<sup>th</sup> committee and possibly Durham Ag. Commission, will put on a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Backyard Farming Initiative:** The advertising has gone out. One hundred is the maximum number of people allowed in the Grange Hall (there has been quite a bit of advertising in various places, so this might be a concern.) Parking could be a problem, too, depending on the weather. Discussed how to handle a heavy snowfall and where to put cars.

**Agricultural Brochure:** All contacts have been made. We would like to have checks, applications and new business cards by the end of January.

**Master Plan:** Further discussion of how to approach the Master Plan

**Food Safety Modernization Act:** The final draft came through with a positive result: there will be a 10 year study period.

Next meeting will be January 26, 2016. Minutes submitted by Laura Gund