

## Lee Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2017

(February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting postponed to March 2<sup>nd</sup>.)

Present were Erick Sawtelle, Dwight Barney, Jonathan Kohanski, Chuck Cox and Laura Gund, and Selectmen's Representative Cary Brown.

**Minutes:** Dwight moved to accept the minutes of January 31<sup>st</sup> as written, Jonathan seconded. Motion accepted.

**Finances:** No Change.

**Pancake Breakfast:** At this time, the date is still Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, unless it appears there will be snow on that date. Set up is Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, for the tent, stoves, griddles, etc. Saturday from noon on will be food preparation, table set up, etc. Arrival for Sunday is around 6:30 for those who remember to change their clocks. Also in regards to the breakfast, Strafford County Farm Bureau will meet at the Grange on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**AED for the Grange:** Lee Fire Chief Scott Nemet is getting a new AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for the Fire Department and it was felt that it would be a good thing to have the used one at the Grange. The old one needs new pads and a battery which might cost \$100 or so. A motion was made to spend up to \$100 for an AED update, to be donated to the Grange. Dwight 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed.

**Backyard Farming Initiative:** There were approximately 50 people at the February 27<sup>th</sup> presentation, "Changes in Land Use, 1850-2000," which was an interesting program, with discussions by Randy Stevens, Phil Sanborn and Jere Beckman. The next Backyard Farming program will be March 27<sup>th</sup>, "Present Use, local farms, 2000-2017."

**Miscellaneous discussions:** Saving Special Places will be presenting their annual "7 to Save" program this month.

The Coalition of Sustaining Agriculture will present a program on dealing with conflicts and they are also studying Agricultural Commissions. Durham and Lee are the only towns in Strafford County with an Ag. Commission. There are only 25 Ag. Commissions in the State. Strafford County Conservation District is asking towns to meet with them, to discuss their agricultural situations.

Next meeting will be March 28<sup>th</sup>, and one topic of discussion will be the pros and cons of having a printed newsletter.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund