

LEE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

March 31, 2015

Present: Erick Sawtelle, Chuck Cox, Dwight Barney, Paul Gasowski, Donna Lee Woods and Laura Gund

Our visitor tonight was Jonathan Kohanski, a new farmer in Lee, who came to hear our discussion.

Minutes: The December 2014 minutes were accepted; with corrections (they were not available at our previous meeting.) The February 2015 minutes were also accepted with corrections. There was no January meeting due to the blizzard.

Backyard Farming Initiative: We talked about the selling of the DVD's and discussed putting the programs on U-tube. An announcement should be made in the E-Crier that the DVD's are available. There were 60 people at the previous meeting which was a good program. There are two programs remaining: April 27th with Wendy Fogg from Misty Meadow Farms and Amanda Hansen of Boulder Brook Farm. The final program will be on May 18th with Dwight Barney, Woolmark Farm and Chuck Cox from Tuckaway Farm.

Master Plan: We worked on and discussed the "draft notes" Paul has put together for the Agriculture section of the Master Plan. These will be sent to the Planning Board as they are putting together a questionnaire to go to townspeople. We will continue working on the Master Plan at the April meeting.

Farmers Markets: There has been some discussion between Erick and the Town Administrator about insurance at the Farmers Markets. Erick will continue to check into this. We discussed the importance of vendors having insurance.

Next meeting will be April 27, 2015.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund