

May 29, 2012

Lee Agricultural Commission

Present: Erick Sawtelle, Dwight Barney, Carole Dennis, Paul Gasowski, Laura Gund

Lee "Fest & Feast": Carole came to the meeting with information about some activities she'd like to do at the Lee Fest and Feast on September 8th. (See letter from Carol explaining her proposal.) Discussed activities, location, etc. She will need a table/booth.

Minutes: Approval of the April 24th minutes was postponed until the June meeting.

Brochure: Discussed various prices and options available. When we contact potential advertisers, we will need a letter explaining what the brochure is and how much it will cost for an ad. Printing 2000 is the most cost effective. They can be put out at public places, such as the Farmer's Market, day cares, town buildings, etc., rather than having a mailing. We will need a cover letter, photos. Laura will call the printing company to find out how long the price is good and how long to get it printed. We discussed the set up of the map.

Farmers Market: First market of the season will be Thursday. The signs are up now. There are only five vendors.

Noble Farm: Laurel and Paul met with David Boynton to discuss possible activities that would be appropriate for the Noble Farm site. For instance, high tunnels, community garden proposals would be possibilities. On a larger scale, a shared use kitchen, though that would be more probable at a Lee Circle site. An audit of all the needs and people involved, facilities available, etc. for a commercial kitchen would be helpful. Talked about the possibility of an SARE grant to hire the Carsey Institute to do a study. Paul will contact Dave Boynton again for further information and what is currently available.

Next meeting will be June 26, 2012.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund

Note: the June 26th meeting was cancelled and will be held July 5th.