

Lee Agricultural Commission

May 29, 2018

Present: Erick Sawtelle, Dwight Barney, Ken Brisson, Kristen Cisneros, Chuck Cox and Laura Gund.

Cary Brown joined us as the Selectmen's representative.

Minutes: The minutes of April 24th were approved as read, with *Dwight making the motion to accept and Ken seconding.*

Financial: Finances were the same as last month.

Brochure: Wharf Industry had sent us a proof of the new brochure to look at tonight. Ken Brisson's card has to be changed to the Honeyberry Farm. Since Suzanne Hebert did not advertise this time, her business card was replaced with a photo. Other than that, everyone seems happy with the brochure. *Dwight made a motion to authorize the Ag. Comm. to pay the upcoming printing and folding costs for the 2018 brochure. Chuck seconded the motion and it was approved.*

Backyard Farming Initiative: The final program of this season was held last week with about 20 people attending. This program was "When to Harvest" and included talks about canning, storing vegetables and others. Next year the programs will be concerning backyard animals, both wild and domestic.

Bedrock Gardens: There was some discussion about what is happening with Bedrock Gardens. They have been to the Planning Board and the Planning Board has apparently sent them to the ZBA for variances. The Ag Comm spoke at the Planning Board meeting and said they were "selling agriculture" while the P.B. said "education is not in the ordinances."

Lee's Trees: The Sustainability Committee has invited the Agricultural Commission to join them, along with the Conservation Comm. and the Energy Committee in a year of celebrating our trees. The idea is to get people aware of the outdoors with awards to be presented at the end of the summer. The Heritage Commission may be involved in this with the production of a Lee's Trees calendar. A motion was made that the Ag. Comm. is in support of the LSC going forward with this program. Dwight seconds and it is passed.

Lee Fair: There will be fireworks at the fair. Caren Rossi was asked to try to raise some money towards the fireworks. So the Lee Fair Committee will sponsor an ice cream smorgasbord in conjunction with the Rec. Committees' movie night. The smorgasbord will include several kinds of ice cream, as well as toppings of all kinds.

Kristin is working on the Best of Harvest contest for the fair. There will be salsa and pickle categories, as well as jams and jellies, a "wild card" and sweet stuff.

Next meeting will be on June 26, 2018.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund.