

Lee Agricultural Commission

May 31, 2016

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

Guests were Frank Reinhold and Brian Ferguson

Settlers' JubiLee dinner: Discussion of anticipated cost of the meal. We will need the cost of the food items before a realistic price can be made. It was felt the cost should be between \$25 and \$50, with possibly 150 people. Discussed ways in which the Ag. Comm. and Agriculture in Lee could be promoted: displays, events, etc. Also talked about moving the Farmers Market that week to Flag Hill during the time of the supper. Someone will talk to Dick Babcock, Market Master. The easiest way to get tickets will be to call Flag Hill and reserve them. Tickets could also be for sale the week-end of the parade, July 16th. Will there be money available for a mailing? Frank will work on the tickets.

Minutes: Dwight moves to accept the minutes of April 26th. Motion approved.

Finances: Farmers Market money has been added to the budget. Otherwise, finances have not changed.

Backyard Farming Initiative: There were 26 people attending the final program. "Excellent" was the general feeling of this years' initiative. For next years, "Young Farmers" might be a possibility. Donna-Lee also suggested "Alternative Energy." A questionnaire will be sent out asking people what programs they would like to see.

Donna-Lee made a motion to send \$500 to the Jeremiah Smith Grange for use of the Hall during the Backyard Farming programs. Laura 2nd, passed unanimously.

Donna-Lee also moved to pay Breakaway Media \$1150 for the videos of Backyard Farming. Paul 2nd and it passed unanimously.

Brochure: Paul is aiming for the end of June to finish this edition of the brochure. Paul would like some old farming photos to include in the brochure.

Master Plan: There will be a meeting on July 14th when the Master Plan committee will present the proposed Master Plan to the Planning Board.

Next meeting will be June 28, 2016.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund