

November 27, 2012

Lee Agricultural commission

Present were Erick Sawtelle, Dwight Barney, Chuck Cox, Paul Gasowski, Laurel Cox, Donna Lee Woods, Dave Miner, Laura Gund.

Minutes: Paul moved to accept the minutes of October 30, 2012, after changing the date of the next meeting. Dwight seconded. Minutes approved.

Financial: All together, the Agricultural Commission and Farmers' Market account has \$7058.77. No break down of figures was available, as the sheet Donna Lee has didn't include the breakdown. Dick Babcock requested that we give a donation to the "fiddler" who was at the Farmers' Market this summer, in appreciation of the entertainment he provided. Donna Lee and Laura will meet with Joanne, the treasurer, to discuss the budget.

Brochure: Paul and Laura discussed the progress. There are 26 \$25 business cards and 3 \$10 "dots" on the map, which total \$680. The brochure is almost done and will be at the printers next week. The \$680 will be not sufficient to cover the cost of the printing, plus we opted to put color on the inside which may increase the cost. We discussed putting a photo of some kids (from Live & Learn) in the garden s. Dave Miner thought that would be a possibility and would communicate with Paul

Laura made a motion to spent up to \$1500 on 1000 brochures, with color on the inside. Dwight seconded the motion and it was passed.

Where will they go? Each advertiser will get some and they will be available to farmers markets, the Town Hall and library. It can also go on Face Book and the town website.

Farmers Market: Quinn Griffith is the name of the violinist who played at the market. The venders agreed they would like to donate \$100 to him to help him go on a trip. This would come from the market fund. Laura made a motion, DonnaLee seconded. Motion passed.

Backyard Farming: Donna Lee has a proposal "You Are What You Eat", to make dvd's and other information available about these programs. Discussed locations, cameras, demonstrations, etc. Paul discussed the problems of shooting a video in the library. The Grange building would have more character. Multiple cameras would be necessary. Paul said the ideal situation would be the Grange, with two cameras and Oyster River High School students to help. Donna Lee will work on location with Sharon at the library. She needs to see the equip ment at the high school. Dave Miner suggested spreading the programs out over a year. Paul feels each topic will take over three months to complete. Any one of the topics on Donna Lee's list would be good. Erick asked if there would be a target group. Someone asked how to discuss animals being used for meat. Chuck asked about fundraising, who is being asked to contribute. Donna Lee has asked the USDA and Chuck wondered about the Farm Bureau. The Farm Bureau foundation has money for this type of program.

School programs: Dave Miner is planning a day program, at the Early Learning Center, for first graders this year and asked us to participate in some way. There will be hayrides, plants, bees, etc. It will be an

introduction to Lee agriculture. Donna Lee has kids come out to her farm. Also, Mast Way is having a town-wide agricultural event this spring.

Paul made a motion that we partner with Live & Learn to put on a Mast Way first grade farm visit in June. Dwight seconded the motion. Motion passed. It will be the first week of June.

Newsletter: Laurel would like articles for the newsletter before Dec. 15th. We will put in something about the brochure.

Next meeting: December 18, 2012 at the Lee Safety Complex at 7:00. It will be a pot luck or a “bring a snack” party.

Budget: The Advisory Budget Commission was asked to put in \$1500 for our budget. This is an amount that could be changed.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund