

October 30, 2012

Lee Agricultural Commission

Present were Dwight Barney, Chuck Cox, Carole Dennis, Paul Gasowski, Donna Lee Woods, Laura Gund

Minutes: Dwight moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting, October 2, 2012. (That would have been the September meeting which was changed due to a conflict.) Chuck seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted as read.

Financial: No financial statement was available at this time.

Budget: It was agreed to request the same amount of money as last year and that could be changed at a later date. The previous amount was \$1500.00. We discussed a lesser amount. However, if we do some DVD's (see below) we may need the full amount, plus the initial cost of the pig roast at the fair. Dwight stated that ideally a self-sustaining budget would be great, but if we plan to have any projects we may need more. Erick feels the pig roast can be self-sustaining. Paul had a couple of points: 1) we've talked about purchasing a tent and 2) we've also talked about hiring someone to create and maintain a web page. Erick suggested we request a \$1500 line item for now and ask for more or less, as needed.

Brochures: A list of advertisers and the cost of the brochure was discussed. Paul had a lay-up of the brochure and we discussed photos, business cards, map, etc.

Backyard Initiative: The Backyard Initiative committee would like to do a DVD for families in Lee, entitled "We Are What We Eat." They are planning seven sessions at a cost of \$3000 - \$4000 to tape the sessions and produce the DVD. Oyster River Schools and UNH are both interested in this. Donna Lee says they are hoping it will be self-supporting. Donna Lee and Blaine Cox, representing the Ag. Comm., and the Lee Library are the partners. They are working with the USDA. Paul suggested that we need a sub-committee to start this up and to apply for grants, and a proposal with a plan is necessary. June will be the final panel discussion.

Farmers Market signs: Tina Sawtelle has recommended that we get the farmers market A-frame signs repainted as they are showing signs of wear and tear. Laura will check with Dick Mills. Dwight made a motion to spend the money needed to do this; Paul seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Newsletter: Not definite at this time whether there will be a fall newsletter.

Next meeting: November 27, 2012

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund