

Lee Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes

October 31, 2017

Present: Erick Sawtelle, Donna Lee Woods, Paul Gasowski, Chuck Cox, Dwight Barney and Laura Gund.

Guests: Jill Nooney, Bob Munger and John Forti from Bedrock Gardens

Minutes of the September 26, 2017 meeting were approved as read.

Finances: There is \$6524 in the Commission account at this time, and \$1806.17 in the Farmers Market account. There is still \$81 to be paid from the FM account.

Bedrock Gardens: Most of this meeting involved discussions of Bedrock Gardens. They wish to add a parking lot to their site and make other changes. These changes, including the parking lot, as well as more open hours must come before town boards. The neighbors are concerned with the size of the parking lot and having more open hours and how it will affect the neighborhood and the scenic road. The parking has consistently been a problem and is solved for this year only. This was originally a tree farm, but that status has elapsed. They sell plants from the property. Erick has been asked to explain and discuss "agritourism" at the next hearing. It was felt that they should prepare a "strategic plan" to share with the Planning Board.

Agriculture and Farming brochure: This will be discussed at next meeting.

Backyard Farming Initiative: Program is all set, including speakers (John Forti will be one of the speakers.) The Lee Sustainability Committee has agreed to financially support the Backyard Farming Initiation this year.

Next meeting November 29, 2017 at 6:30.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund