

Lee Agricultural Commission

October 30, 2018

Present: Erick Sawtelle, Chuck Cox, Amanda Gourgue, Donna Lee Woods, Paul Gasowski, Kristin Cisneros, Laura Gund. Guests included Tina Sawtelle, to talk about the Lee Farmers Market and Bill Wood, Preparedness and Special Projects Coordinator at the N.H. Dept. of Safety.

AED Training Session: Bill Wood started the meeting with a demonstration in the use of an AED. Since we are helping to provide an AED at the Grange Hall and since it is a requirement to have trained people at functions held at the Grange, Seacoast Beekeepers and members of the Jeremiah Smith Grange were also invited to this training session.

Lee Farmers Market: Tina gave a report on this years' Farmers Market. She said they had a super year and that the vendors were pleased. She talked about reaching out to others, feedback has been positive. There were upwards of 20 vendors during the season. We lost some farmers to different venues, but also gained some, including beginning farmers. Tina does an excellent job of advertising on Facebook, by post cards, etc. She explained that they have a core group to do the ads, signs, etc. Vendor feedback is that they "like the vibe."

Minutes: the minutes of September 25, 2018 were read. Chuck made a motion to accept, with corrections. Motion accepted.

Financial: Same as previous meetings: Total of \$5993.79 with \$3878.98 in the Ag. Comm. and \$2114.82, the Farmers Market. From the Ag. Comm. account we still have to remove \$750 for the Grange (\$250 for the use of the kitchen during the fair, \$250 towards purchase of a new water heater and \$250 towards the AED), \$150 for corn for the barbecue. We will end up with \$441.21 profit for the barbecue. Motion made to approve payment of all the above outstanding bills relative to the barbecue and fair.

Backyard Farming Initiative: The dates are all set for use of the Grange Hall.

Agritourism: Because the State made a new definition of Agritourism and because it is not reflected in our zoning ordinance, the Planning Board feels this may be an issue. We discussed the ordinances and decided to have a "work session" to finalize a warrant article which will update our Agritourism definition. (We did have a work session on November 7th and discussed RSA21:34-a. Section II (5) "where not prohibited by local regulations." Also, compost, which is not specifically mentioned in our ordinance. Erick will send proposed changes to the Planning Board before their next meeting.)

Next meeting November 27, 2018

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund