

Lee Agricultural Commission

September 25, 2018

Present: Erick Sawtelle, Chuck Cox, Dwight Barney, Ken Brisson, Paul Gasowski, Kirstin Cisneros, Laura Gund.

Minutes of the August 28, 2018 meeting were accepted as read.

Financial: Donna Lee was not available to give a financial report. Since our last meeting we have had some income and expenses associated with the Lee Fair barbecue. The barbecue was very successful. 369 people were served, with an income of \$3150. After expenses, \$1654.17 remained.

Discussed the purchase of an AED for the Grange with the proceeds. After some discussion, Dwight made a motion to donate \$750 to the Grange, \$250 of that for the use of their kitchen during barbecue preparations and another \$250 going towards the purchase of a new water heater, with an additional \$250 to go towards the purchase of the AED. Paul seconded the motion and it passed. Regarding the AED, it must be determined where it will be housed, who is in charge and there must be trained people available.

Lee Fair: Chuck reported that the Fair Games went off well, everyone had a good time. The round bales were a hit, the Scouts were a good help and all in all, it was a good fun competition. The kids had 3 events they could play all on their own. Members of Alpha Gamma Rho, a UNH fraternity, helped out as well as competed and said they had a good time. The Best of Harvest also went well, there were fewer entries this year. Once again, the AGR fellows did a good job judging and enjoyed that as well.

Backyard Farming Initiative: The dates have been confirmed and several people are interested in speaking, among them Don Quigley, Alan Eaton, Dave Miner, Marcia Barden (she was a U.S Fish and Wildlife officer for years). The subject this year is "Animals in you Backyard" and the first program will be January 29th, "Forestry care and feeding" with Don Quigley.

TCVC (Town Center Vision Committee): Discussed their activities. It was the general opinion of this commission that the TCVC should include the future of the Grange building in their discussions.

Agritourism: Discussion of Bedrock Gardens who were going to send a letter to N.H. Dept of Agriculture, Markets and Food Commissioner Jasper along with the motion that we passed last month regarding agritourism. Further discussion of Agritourism.

Next meeting will be October 30, 2018 at 7:00.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund