

Lee Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2017

Present: Erick Sawtelle, Chuck Cox, Paul Gasowski, Amanda Gourgue, Donna Lee Wood and Laura Gund.

Cary Brown was present as Selectmen's Representative. Guests included Kristen Cisneros and Ken Brisson.

Finances: The balance as of August 31st was \$4916.23, with the Farmers Market account having a balance of \$1806.17.

Lee Fair: The supper income was \$2675 with \$1544.01 in expenses, as of this date. A motion was made and passed to give \$225 to the Grange, for the use of their kitchen, as well as tables and chairs. Laura made a motion and Paul seconded, to pay expenses for work on the refrigerator truck. Motion passed. Following these motions, there will be \$874.27 in profit from the Chicken Barbecue/Pig Roast. Three hundred people were served.

Paul and Chuck reported on the farm games. Apparently the kids' games went well with quite a few enthusiastic youngsters participating. There were not too many adult participants this year.

Kristen, who did the Best of Harvest contest, said there were many more people entering the contest and that next year she will need an assistant. She needs people to help in the tent. Overall, it was a success, with 40 entries. Kristen also reported on the survey she did. There were 40 respondents which represented 14% of the supper tickets sold. Results of survey on file. She also feels it would be worthwhile to have a booth at the fair selling jams and jellies.

Backyard Farming Initiative: The program is set and is the "2018 Home Garden Series.) The Committee is looking for speakers. Programs will include how to grow, what to grow, where to grow, how to care for and when to harvest your garden. The Sustainability Committee can help with this program, including expenses.

Farm Brochure: We discussed whether to have a new edition or not, as we are nearly out of the previous 2016 edition. This will be discussed next month. Laura will contact Wharf Industries.

Budget: We discussed whether to ask for money this year. We felt that a kiosk in town (an old subject that has come up over and over) and where. It seems Little River Park would be a good place for a kiosk. We will request \$1000 in this coming years' budget to help pay for a town kiosk.

Membership: Kristen Cisneros and Ken Brisson are willing to be members of the Commission. Laura made a motion and Donna Lee seconded in favor of both of these folks. Motion passed.

AED at the Grange: Scott Nemet, Fire Chief recommends that we purchase an AED for the Grange. But then, who owns it?

Farmers' Market: The vendors were pleased with this years' market and agreed to continue another year. Discussion about having the market at Little River Park.

Next meeting will be October 31st at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund