

Lee Agricultural Commission Minutes

August 30, 2022

Present: Erick Sawtelle, Donna Lee Woods, Dwight Barney, David Miner, Chuck Cox, Ken Brisson, Kristen Cisneros, Laura Gund. Guest, Cary Brown.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 14, 2022 meeting were approved as read.

Finances: We have \$5481.49 in the account, \$2003.02 of it being Farmers Market funds. (Ag. Commission has \$3478.47.)

Backyard Farming Initiative: The final program for the season was presented at Ruth Samples' home with about 20 people. She talked about raising chickens and her composting methods. Discussed whether to have winter programs next year or summer, outdoor programs. No decision. Talked about meeting in the Town Hall, but that is used for children's programs which take up space. Safety Complex may be another choice. We talked about having "Building Raised Beds" workshops and Cooking is a possible topic. Erick will speak to Jimmy Brady about using the Grange. The Backyard Farming Committee will meet before our next meeting.

Lee Fair: This years' fair is on September 17th and will start with the Tractor Parade at 1:00 p.m. and then the Children's Parade. At 3:00 will be the Farm Games (Chuck Cox), including Kids Farm Games. Lots of activities planned for the day. We need manpower for all aspects of the supper, including prep at the Grange on Thursday prior. The fair is looking for money for the fireworks at the end of the fair. We discussed whether to donate and *Ken motioned to donate up to \$1000 from the Farmers' Market fund and \$1000 from the Agricultural Commission fund to go towards the cost of fireworks. Donna Lee seconded the motion, and the motion passed.* Fair clean up will be on Sunday.

Kristen will need \$75 for the "Best of Harvest" prizes. Categories include "Wild Card" category, and a Ricky's (Stevens) Choice, just this year. *Ken makes a motion to give Kristen \$100 for the Best of Harvest prizes, Dave 2nds and the motion passes.*

Membership: Cary would like to be on the Ag Commission. It would be an alternate position at this time. He visited many committees/commissions in town while he was a selectman and found the Ag. Comm. to be productive (i.e. the big wheel at the Semiquincentennial as one example) and would like to be part of this commission. *Dave makes a motion to include Cary on the Ag. Comm., Ken seconded and all approved.* Welcome, Cary.

Next meeting will be September 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund