

Lee Agricultural Commission Minutes November 29, 2022

The October meeting of the Agricultural Commission was cancelled.

Members present at this meeting were Erick Sawtelle, Amanda Gourgue, DonnaLee Woods, Ken Brisson, Dave Miner, Cary Brown, Dwight Barney and Laura Gund. Guest, Alex Chase, Randall Road, works at Vernon Family Farm.

Minutes: Ken made a motion and DonnaLee seconded, to accept the minutes of September 27th. Minutes approved, with one correction – Ken’s name was omitted.

Budget: \$8267.25 total, \$1500 in the Farmers Market fund and \$6767.25 in the Commission account. There are still a few small items from the fair that have not been paid.

Backyard Farming: January 25th will be the first program when Sara Cox will discuss Grains. Some other topics are Fresh v. Aged; Eat Healthy, Eat Local, Eat Seasonally; Foraging Herbs and Seasoning (Wendy Fogg). Wendy has graciously offered her facility for us to hold these meetings. These programs are sponsored by the Lee Agricultural Commission, the Lee Library, Sustainability Committee and Friends of the Lee Library.

Lee Farmers Market: Discussions are being held about having a market at Little River Park in conjunction with the Recreation Commission’s Family Night. (Fourth Wednesday each month.) May – September. They are looking for vendors.

Brochures: The final brochures were mostly all handed out tonight. To be discussed: shall we do another edition of the brochure?

Breakfast: Should we or shouldn’t we: When? April is preferred, March is too cold.

Miscellaneous: **Lee Fair** will be held the 2nd week- end of September, the 16th. **N.H. Preservation Alliance:** Chuck moves the Ag. Comm. become a member of the Preservation Alliance, at the \$60 level. Dave seconds, passes. **Agriculture in the Classroom:** Ken moves to donate \$250 to AITC,, Amanda 2nd, motion passes

Recreation Commission: winter carnival in January and February.

New member: Chuck nominates Alex as an alternate member, Ken 2nds. Alex is welcomed to the Commission!

Next meeting will be December 27th.

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund