

12-5-17 Shelburne Ag. Commission meeting minutes

Beth manning, chair

Ernie Kelley

Carolyn Wheeler, treas.

Prudence Wholey, sec.

Jonathan Graves

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm and Shelburne Center Fire Station.

The minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting were read and approved.

Carolyn gave a brief treasurer's report. We have about \$1167 (plus \$500?).

Our portion of the donations from the movie Forgotten Farms was donated to the 4-H.

We discussed seeing if the woman who did our Shelburne Grown logo would submit a logo for the town's 250th contest. Beth will ask her.

We discussed another harvest dinner in the fall of 2018, in conjunction with the town celebration. We will look into having it at the Shelburne-Buckland Community Center. Maybe catered, maybe with help from Kiwanis. We could set more people, have two seating's, etc.

Jody Stetson wants to have part of the town celebration at Fellowship Hall with a exhibit of old crafts, theme on rural life in town. The Century Farms could also be showcased at the same time.

Carolyn mentioned that the mass. Farm Bureau gives out signs to century farms, so they probably have an idea of how many there are statewide. Shelburne has ten, which could be a record.

We discussed interviewing older people in town about their lives on the farm. Some names mentioned are Gordon Taylor, Helen Gould, George or Bucky Dole.

We discussed finding a couple new members. One would take Chris Johnston's place. Prudy will ask Courtney Basil from Apex Orchards. Beth will ask John Payne. We also mentioned Becky Ashenden.

Jon Graves asked about the logo. He would like some for their farm products. We need to get our logo out to more people in town.

The next meeting will be on Jan. 16, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.