

5-15-18 Shelburne Agricultural commission meeting minutes

Beth Manning Carolyn Wheeler Ernie Kelley Barbara Parry

Jonathan Graves Courtney Basil Prudence Wholey

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Carolyn Wheeler. The minutes of the 4-5-18 meeting were accepted as read.

We discussed the town report since the Ag. Com. board members was not up to date for last year. We should find out who to contact for next year's report so we will be up-to-date.

The dinner is set for Sept. 29th at Shelburne Buckland Community Center. Kevin Hollister and others from the Kiwanis will help with the meal. We will need other help too, so we should contact the Open Space committee to see if they will help out.

We discussed the menu for the dinner, in particular the meats. We have beef, pork, and enough?) lamb, but would like turkey or chicken. Beth might have some turkeys, but she isn't sure yet. Prudy could do chickens, but they aren't USDA processed, and they would be expensive to have done (1-24 birds is \$8/bird). Carolyn said we should pay the going rate for the meat, unless folks want to donate any. Barb Parry will check with Sutter Meats about cutting lamb. We could use Diamond Farm for local poultry if we can't get any elsewhere.

We briefly discussed having a drawing for each seating at the dinner.

We discussed the farm photos for both the 250th celebration and the harvest dinner. We want to have some prints made of centennial farms and other farms in town, with a budget of about \$400. We looked at about 50 photos and chose about 40 from them to have enlarged. We will put farm information on cards under the pictures. We need to find out how we can display them at the church (250th) and the community center (harvest). We will have the slide show at the dinner. We could use some more. Check on pricing for enlargements 11"x14" anyway, perhaps larger if we can get a good price.

There will be no centennial farms in the 250th parade on June 23rd. It's too hard for farms at that time of year.

What farms are willing to participate in a farm tour Sept. 30th? Apex, Gould's Sugar House, Wheelview, Graves Glen, Coombs Hill Farm will be open. Barb Parry will have some animals to see from the road. She will check with Davenport's. Prudy will check with Payne's /Foxbard Farm. Beth will ask William's, and Prudy will ask York's.

We would also like to honor centennial farms with some sort of permanent sign/plaque/poster. It should be about 18"x24". Carolyn will check with her dentist friend about making wooden ones.

The next meeting will be on June 5, 2018, 7 pm, at the fire station.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.