1-15-19 Shelburne

Ag. Commission meeting

Shelburne Center Fire Station

Beth manning Carolyn Wheeler Ernest Kelley

Barbara Parry Prudence Wholey

7 pm meeting called to order by Carolyn Wheeler, temporary chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Beth Manning. They were accepted as read, and Beth will type them up for the next meeting.

There were $4447.61 in the “treasury”. Carolyn sent a donation in John Payne’s memory $250, so the remaining balance is $4197.61. No bill has been sent by Hager’s for the fall dinner.

Perhaps another diner in 2020, but only one sitting because it is a big job to do a big dinner. Next time the money paid to providers should come out of the $500 grant money.

On the off year, 2019, we are thinking of doing some kind of informational program/project.

Ernie Kelley spoke with the folks at Rural Commonwealth located in the Lamson Goodnow building. They will meet with us in February (6th at 7 pm) to discuss ideas which support local and Shelburne agriculture. Beth Bandy, Toby Gould. Support 4-H fair, next generation farmers, mini conference, movie (Farmer of the Year, Cathy Swanson).

Courtney might know more about utilizing social media. We will talk to her about that.

We discussed right to farm signage. Leyden has some. Middleboro< Ma has signs too. We can get in touch with Angie Facey, Cliff Hatch, etc. to see how to proceed. Carolyn mentioned Hale Signs as a good place to have signs made.

Carolyn mentioned that Becky Ashenden and John Marcy are holding barn fest in June at their farm on Basset Road. June 8th. She suggests we try and support them on this endeavor.

The Ag. Com. needs to have a report ready for the town report by 2/28/19. Carolyn will write up something. We should mention John Payne who was instrumental in starting the agricultural commission. Also, mention the 250th dinner.

The next meeting will be at the fire station on Wednesday, February 6th, at 7 pm. The people from Rural Commonwealth will be there.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Prudence Wholey

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