

RICHMOND AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Minutes

August 1st, 2013

Attending: Theresa Majoy, Sandy Holbrook, Wes, Rosti Eismont, Heather Canfield

Also in attendance: Jeff Taylor and Dick Drew (Richmond Conservation Commission), Nancy Lyczinski and Norma Thibodeau (Richmond Historical Society)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Theresa.

Old Business: This was a joint meeting of the Agricultural Commission, Conservation Commission, and the Historical Society, held to plan two events that will involve all three Town Commissions/Societies.

1. Richmond Family Farm Day: Will be held at Windswept Farm on September 14th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The activities will be as follows:

- Hay Rides: Jeff will run tractor-drawn hayrides throughout the afternoon.
- Programs in the Barn: Norma will present a program on the Ashuelot Turnpike. She will provide maps of Richmond on backer boards to illustrate her discussion. Carol Jamieson has agreed to speak on the topic of becoming a Master Gardener in New Hampshire. Discussion ensued, and it was suggested that she be asked to speak on a topic (perhaps on how to divide plants for propagation) that would have wider appeal. Theresa will ask her if she is amenable to this change. There will be presentations on apple growing and Christmas tree farming as well. Speakers will be asked to present for 10 to 20 minutes, rotating through the afternoon.
- Publicity: Sandy will send an article to the Rooster and the Star Spangled Banner. Rosti will make flyers for distribution to department heads. Dick suggested looking into radio (Keene Radio Group: Mr. Warhol).
- Parking: As parking at the farm is limited, we will suggest that folks carpool from the Town Pavilion. This information will be included in all flyers, articles, and advertising.
- Set up: We will need to borrow chairs (from Fire Department?). Set up time to be determined.

2. Potluck: To be held on October 5th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Camp Takodah at the Putnam Performing Arts Building. Rebecca Rule will present a new program ("Town Meeting") at 6 p.m. The potluck will begin at 5 p.m.

- Decorations: The Agriculture Commission will make floral decorations for the tables. There will be 6 round tables, each seating 8 people. Nancy will bring flowers from her garden, as she did last year.
- Set up will begin at 3 p.m. on the 5th. We will need to provide our own heated chafing dishes, hotplates. etc. (same as at the Vet's Hall).
- We will need to provide flashlights and assistance to get people to and from the parking area, as there is no outside lighting and the parking lot is at a distance from the building. The restrooms are not in the building. The staff at Camp Takodah will provide space heaters if needed, as well as people to direct attendees to the Putnam building.
- We will meet with the Historical Society on October 3rd (C.D. Building at 6 p.m.) to complete the planning process.

The next meeting of the Richmond Agricultural Commission will be held on September 5th at 6:30 p.m. at Windswept Farm.

The Acting Secretary had to leave the meeting at 8:20 P.M., prior to the formal adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Canfield

Acting Secretary