

**APPROVED**  
**TOWN OF PELHAM**  
**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 4, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Jenny Larson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Jenny Larson, Jessica Edwards, Steve Doherty, Theresa Wentzell, Laura Spottiswood, Alternate Jeff Caira, Alternate John Spottiswood

**ABSENT:** All present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** (Edwards/Doherty) To accept meeting minutes from 2/4/21 Agricultural Commission meeting as written

**VOTE:** (5-0-0) The motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S):**

None

**OPEN FORUM:**

No one came forward.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

No appointments.

**TREASURY:**

Mr. Doherty stated, no change. Our account is currently at \$80.00.

**DISCUSSION**

\*Farmers Market discussion about the Farmers Market Treasury. Ms. Larson explained that there will be a separate account for the Farmers Market. As soon as we raise money for the Farmer's Market, the account will be opened by Mr. Doherty.

There was discussion about having petty cash on hand for the market. We need a lock box.

Mr. Spottiswood updated the commission on the Farmers Market Sub-Committee activity. Discussed alternate places to hold the market in town if a town location does not pan out. Mr. Spottiswood has a meeting set up with the Congregational Church on 3/6/21 to discuss the possibility of holding the market there.

Mr. Spottiswood has a call into Pelham Insurance Agency to get a quote for insurance.

The goal is a 6/19/21 start date.

Fundraising ideas discussed. Looked up grants, most deadlines have passed, but we can explore for next year. There was a discussion of sponsorships for the Farmers Market with local businesses. Ideas were discussed such as Chicken Coop Bingo, Donkey kissing booth, reusable shopping bags.

\*\*grant websites and info: [www.agriculture.nh.gov](http://www.agriculture.nh.gov), New Farmer Farm Bureau Federation, Growing New Farmers, Farm Credit East, Pelham Spirit Group grants

\*Master Plan Update: Mr. Spottiswood was appointed the Ag Commission volunteer to participate in the Master Plan.

\*Discussion about the open full time 3-year seat. Ms. Wentzell stated she would consider applying.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** (Doherty/Edwards) To adjourn the meeting.

**VOTE:** (5-0-0) The motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Spottiswood  
Secretary