

**APPROVED
TOWN OF PELHAM
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Jenny Larson called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

Roll Call:

Jenny Larson - present
Jessica Edwards - absent
Steve Doherty - present
Danielle Masse-Quinn - present
Laura Spottiswood - present
Joe Boissonneault – absent
Michelle Cooke - present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve September meeting minutes as written
(Spottiswood/Masse-Quinn)

VOTE: (4-0-0)

MOTION CARRIES

ANNOUNCEMENT(S): Introduction Michelle Cooke appointed by BOS as an alternate to the Agricultural Commission for a one-year term. Welcome Michelle!!

OPEN FORUM:

None

APPOINTMENTS:

None

TREASURY:

Mr. Doherty reported that there is \$2,269.52 in the treasury. John Spottiswood has a check from the Pelham Community Spirit Group for the grant for the canopy.

DISCUSSION:

The BOS adopted the updates to the Noise Ordinance that were suggested by our commission. Ms. Masse-Quinn prepared binders for the BOS members with examples of ordinances from other towns and with RSAs pertaining to agricultural activities.

Farmers Market Update:

The last outdoor market of the season is 10/22/22. Discussion of animals or bounce house for last market. Indoor markets are being considered. Mr. Spottiswood will speak to Carlos at the First Congregational Church.

AG Land Use/Zoning changes:

Discussion about obtaining the parcels of land that the town owns that may be used for agricultural activities per the deeds. Ms. Masse-Quinn will work on this.

Discussion about buffer zones for agricultural land, Right to Farm, soil maps

Community Garden:

Ms. Masse-Quinn went with Mr. Paul Gagnon from to look at various sites that may be suitable for a community garden.

Miriam Farm, Veteran's Park, Old County Road

Considerations: space, parking, ability to water, easy access, is anyone else working on a community garden plan currently

Festival of Trees and Bake Sale

Both the Agricultural Commission and the Farmer's Market will have a tree in the Festival and each group will do the bake sale.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

Masse-Quinn/Doherty

MOTION CARRIES / VOTE: (4-0-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Spottiswood
Secretary Agricultural Commission