

**UNAPPROVED  
TOWN OF PELHAM  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES  
FEB 2, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Jenny Larson called the meeting to order 6:39pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

Jenny Larson - Present

Jessica Edwards – Absent

Steve Doherty – Present

Laura Spottiswood – Present

Danielle Masse-Quinn – Present

Joe Boissonneault – Present

Michelle Cooke – Absent

Charlene Takesian – Selectman Representative – Present

Chair Jenny Larson appointed Alternate Joe Boissonneault as voting member

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER**

**MOTION:** (Masse-Quinn/Doherty) To accept meeting minutes as written, from December 1, 2022 Agricultural Commission meeting.

**VOTE:** (5-0-0) The motion carries

**MEETING MINUTES JANUARY**

**MOTION:** (Doherty/Larson) To accept meeting minutes as written from January 5, 2023 Agricultural Commission meeting.

**VOTE:** (5-0-0) The motion carries

**OPEN FORUM:**

None

**APPOINTMENTS:**

None

**TREASURY:**

Mr. Doherty has set the ledger up to separate the Agricultural Commission monies from the Farmer's Market monies to track activity. The money remains under one account but will be logged appropriately as money is deposited and withdrawn.

Agricultural Commission:	\$80.00
Farmers Market:	\$2,037.99
Total Treasury:	<b>\$2117.99</b>

**DISCUSSION:**

Community Garden: Jenny Larson had conversations with Al Stewart about starting up the garden. It is understood that this was Al's idea and that we agreed as a commission to support and help Al. Al is very busy right now and can't take on a new challenge. Discussion about various ways to get the Community Garden started. A member of the Forestry Committee did reach out to Jenny Larson to advise where and where not a community garden could be started.

Farmers Market: The Farmers Market is on break, but plans are underway for new season. Applications have gone out to vendors and the hunt is on for new vendors. A formal statement will be sent to Carlos at the First Congregational Church.

Discussion how the Ag Commission could use the Farmers Market to raise awareness and funds using the community table at the market and bringing back Chicken Poop Bingo.

75 Foot Buffer Zone: Last meeting the Ag Commission felt it was a good idea to squash any formal request for the buffer zones. The subject was further discussed how if we have land that is marked as agricultural land, it would be good to know if new construction was being planned and to go to board meeting with request for larger buffer zone, tree line buffers, etc.

Master Plan: Discussed the importance of the Master Plan event at Sherburn Hall on Feb 22 6pm – 8pm and to let our friends know how important it is to take interest and let the Master Plan Committee know that keeping Pelham as rural as we can and to build responsibly taking interest maintaining what is

left of our agricultural land and open space is to our benefit. This is the best way for these concerns to get into the master plan.

Discussed creating a summary of sorts to give to Ms. Masse-Quinn and Mr. Spottiswood to bring to the Master Plan Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** (Masse-Quinn/Boissonneault) To adjourn the meeting.

**VOTE:** (5-0-0) The motion carries

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Spottiswood  
Agricultural Commission Secretary