

Approved Meeting Minutes
Agriculture Commission
October 5, 2023

Pelham Police Community room
6 Village Green, Pelham, NH

Call to Order: 6:39 PM

In attendance:

Jenny Larson, Chair
Danielle Masse-Quinn, Vice Chair
Steve Doherty, Treasurer
Laura Spottiswood, Secretary
Charlene Takesian, Board of Selectman Representative
Michelle Cooke, Alternate – Absent
James Fisher, Alternate – Absent
Joe Boissionnault – Absent

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Minutes Review

Motion: to correct meeting minutes to reflect total balance in treasury \$1,325, \$1245/Farmer's Market and \$80.00/Agricultural Commission. (Doherty/Masse Quinn)

Motion Carries (4-0-0)

Announcement: Ms Larson recapped the Old Home Day Parade was a great success for the commission and everyone had a great time. People asked her if there would be more livestock in next year's parade.

Appointment: Pelham Pentecostal Church w/ Audrey and Pastor Marcia to discuss Community Garden

Discussion about what the Agricultural Commission envisioned for a Community Garden and having the Pentecostal Church as a community partner with the church starting their youth program.

Audrey and Pastor Marcia stated that they were not sure if the church property had the space needed, but they would take the information to their Elders Board meeting. The church is starting a Wellness and Recreation Center and they are very interested in this project.

Discussion included the layout of the church property, automatic lighting at dusk, parking, conceptual layout of garden w/ individual plots being rented, Sundays being off-limits for the gardeners because of church service being held.

Discussion:

Farmers Market: The last market for the season will be October 14th. There will be an apple pie bake sale.

Discussion of an indoor winter market. There should be enough vendors for a market 11/18. John will speak to Carlos and see if the date is ok with the church.

Festival of Trees: Ms. Larson submitted an application for the Bake Sale during the Festival of Trees. The Agricultural Commission and the Farmers Market will work on an ad for the Festival of Trees booklet.

Motion: To use \$90 from the Farmers Market treasury to fund a ½ page ad in black and white for the Festival of Trees Booklet. (Doherty/Masse Quinn)

Motion Carries (4-0-0)

Discussion about having a tree in the Festival and coming up with a theme.

Compost:

Discussion about adding the Agricultural Committee to the Compost Flier and about putting an ad in the Festival of Trees book to alert residents that we will be starting a compost program in Pelham

Motion: To adjourn (Doherty/Masse Quinn) Motion Carries (4-0-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Spottiswood
Pelham Agricultural Commission
Secretary