

Approved Meeting Minutes
Agriculture Commission
November 2, 2023

Pelham Police Community room
6 Village Green, Pelham, NH

Call to Order: 6:36 PM

In attendance:

Jenny Larson, Chair

Danielle Masse-Quinn, Vice Chair

Steve Doherty, Treasurer

Laura Spottiswood, Secretary

Charlene Takesian, Board of Selectmen Representative - absent

Michelle Cooke, Member

James Fisher, Alternate

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Minutes Review

Motion: To accept the October meeting minutes as written.

(Doherty/Masse-Quinn) Motion carries (5-0-0)

Announcement: The Agricultural Commission was approved for a spot for the bake sale for the Festival of Trees. The spot is for Friday 11/24 from 5-9pm. Set up can start at 4:30pm

Ms. Larson noted that she has not heard back from the folks at the Pentecostal Church about the Community Garden.

Appointment: None.

Discussion

Farmers Market: Season review. The Farmers Market has closed the 3rd season. While the market has built up a loyal base of customers, John mentioned that dealing with some of the larger vendors was difficult this year, especially with the weather forecasts. Many of the regular, local vendors stayed with the market and brought their customers. The pie-baking events were a success and brought people to the market as well.

Some of the volunteers will not be available for next season. If replacements are not made some members of the Agricultural Commission discussed taking over the running of the market.

John Spottiswood submitted receipts from the Farmers Market totalling \$137.91.

Motion to reimburse John Spottiswood in the amount of \$137.91.

(Cooke/Masse-Quinn) Motion carries. (5-0-0)

Motion to pay the Pelham Community Spirit \$90.00 for the advertisement in the booklet for the Festival of Trees.

(Masse-Quinn/Cooke) Motion carries. (5-0-0)

Festival of Trees:

Ms. Masse-Quinn submitted the application to the Pelham Community Spirit

The Pelham Community Spirit has a tree that they could donate to the Ag Commission

The theme is "Farm to Table" and Ms. Masse-Quinn brought in some decorations she got

Set up is on 11/21/23 from 5-9pm.

Town Report: Ms Larson will submit the Agricultural Commission report to the town with some of our newest goals and achievements, including the Noise Ordinance, taking part in the Old Home Day Parade with livestock, the 3rd successful Farmers Market season, the compost project, the community garden.

Compost:

Ms. Takesian made an ad for the compost project to put in the booklet for Festival of Trees. The commission all agreed it was a great ad.

Treasury Report:

Mr. Doherty stated that there was \$1,197.41 in the treasury combined Farmers Market and Agricultural Commission combined.

Motion: To adjourn (Masse Quinn/Cooke) Motion Carries (5-0-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Spottiswood
Pelham Agricultural Commission
Secretary

