

Approved Meeting Minutes
Agriculture Commission
Dec 7, 2023

Pelham Police Community room
6 Village Green, Pelham, NH

Call to Order 6:33 PM

In attendance:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

James Fischer is appointed as a voting member for the meeting.

Meeting Minutes Review

Motion: To accept the November meeting minutes with changes. Michelle Cook is a member, not alternate member and Joe Boissioneault has resigned from the board. The treasury balance should have been written as \$1,197.41.

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

Announcement:

Ms. Takesian took photos of the compost area at the transfer station. They are a little hard to see at first. Discussion followed about making a sign. Mr. Spottiswood said he could help with the sign if someone sent him the content. Ms. Cooke will also check with Vanguard and see if they have a banner. She has a contact of Katie Silegy at (603) 499-6199.

Ms. Larson thanks everyone who participated in the Festival of Trees and bake sale.

From 2022: \$133.00

From 2023: \$253.50

Mr. Spottiswood donated \$88.00 from the sale of the hot dogs. \$60 dollars was previously donated from the sale of hot dogs as well.

Motion: To keep \$74.50 in petty cash and put \$400 into the treasury for the Agricultural Commission.
(Masse-Quinn/Cooke) Motion carries (5-0-0)

Appointment: None.

Discussion

Agricultural Week is coming up in March. Discussed a livestock meet & greet.

Master Plan meeting – The final meeting was last night, Dec 6. The Agricultural Commission had some victories by getting mention of community gardens, agricultourism and agricultural lands. Jenny will go through and mark the areas where agriculture is mentioned so that the committee can be familiar with what areas will impact agriculture.

Community Garden – The Pentecostal Church cannot host our community garden. They are wanting to pursue an alliance with youth/seniors. They are looking for expertise and guidance from the Agricultural Commission. They are asking us to sign a non-binding agreement. This will be taken to the town administrator and town lawyer. Likely this is not something a town committee can sign. The committee is interested in helping them in their endeavor. This will be followed up next meeting. Ms. Takesian will bring the MOU to Mr. Roarke and Attorney Radigan.

Ms Masse-Quinn will put together a list of locations that have been considered for a garden and the outcome of the visit.

There is no **Treasury Report** this month with Mr. Doherty absent. Get well Steve!

Ms. Larson noted that appointments are up in March and that although the list was worked on last year, it seems that there are still discrepancies of what is on file for people's terms.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57pm

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Spottiswood
Pelham Agricultural Commission
Secretary

