

Non-Approved Meeting Minutes  
**Agriculture Commission**  
January 19, 2024  
Pelham Police Community room  
6 Village Green, Pelham, NH

Call to Order 6:31 PM

In Attendance:

Jenny Larson, Chair

Steve Doherty, Treasurer

Michelle Cooke, Member

James Fisher, Alternate

Danielle Masse-Quinn, Vice Chair -Absent

Laura Spottiswood, Secretary- Absent

Charlene Takesian, Board of Selectman Representative -Absent

Pledge of Allegiance

Review of Minutes- None

Announcement:

James Fisher presented the American Chestnut Foundation

James discussed the benefits for all in the forest. He discussed the soil ,bugfish and human benefits of these trees. The nuts produce high fat and vitamins beneficial for healthy living.

The State Agricultural contact reached out to James about the possibility of replanting the American Chestnut tree.

James suggested asking the Forestry Commission for money to start the: **Reintroduction of American Chestnut Tree.** This will be what the Agricultural Commission will refer to the project as. Discussion on what to ask for and how it would be used. James suggested that we start with 100 trees. Trees must be planted in groups to cross pollinate. Possibility of 4 blocks of 25 trees. He looked into pricing and the best option is 2 ft to ensure the best chance of survival. Chestnut Club membership is \$40.00 to join. If we choose to join, there is a possibility of getting a better price on trees. They offer 10 trees for \$40.00. Group discussion was best to ask for \$2,000 to start. There are various hybrid Chestnut trees that would be a possibility. Site to read history of American Chestnut Tree:

<https://taf.org/the-american-chestnut/history-american-chestnut/>

At the next meeting we will vote whether to join the Chestnut Tree Foundation.

Motion- To attend the next Forestry meeting on January 22,2024, to propose the **Reintroduction of American Chestnut Tree.** (Cooke, Doherty) Motion carries (4-0-0)

**Appointment : None**

**Motion:** To adjourn (Cooke, Doherty) Motion carries (4-0-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 6:56

Respectfully submitted

Michelle Cook, Pelham Agricultural Commission

