

**TOWN OF PELHAM  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION  
NON-APPROVED MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 7, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Pelham Police Conference Room

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jenny Larson  
Danielle Masse Quinn  
Steve Doherty  
Michelle Cooke  
James Fisher  
Charlene Takesian, Selectmen's Representative

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

John Spottiswood, Pelham Farmer's Market

**MINUTES**

Meeting minutes for August 3, 2023. **APPROVED** as written **COOKE/DOHERTY**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**OPEN FORUM**

No one came forward for Open Forum

**APPOINTMENTS**

None

**DISCUSSION**

**COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Ms. Takesian reached out to the New England Pentecostal Church. Ms Masse Quinn did a follow up call and spoke with Aubrey from the New England Pentecostal Church in reference to a Community Garden. Aubrey will be attending the October Pelham Agricultural Commission meeting to meet with the members and discuss their youth program and about opportunities to pair up with the Town for a community garden.

Ms. Larson offered discussion on Raymond Park being a lot of work to get the land ready for a community garden.

Mr. Doherty also offered discussion on Raymond Park when the gravel was taken the soil needed for a garden was also taken and believed it would take a lot of money to get the land prepared for a garden.

**MOTION:** to remove Raymond Park as an option for a community garden  
**MASSE QUINN/DOHERTY** - All members were in favor

Ms. Masse Quinn offered discussion in reference to a proposed Community Garden survey to be reviewed by the Commission and distributed to the public for public feedback on a proposed community garden.

Ms. Cooke offered discussion on once a Community Garden was established to consider a port-a-potty.

### **PELHAM FARMERS MARKET**

Mr. Spottiswood offered discussion that the Farmer's Market would be looking for more volunteers and or agricultural members to assist in running the market.

### **TREASURY REPORT**

No new submissions

Mr. Doherty confirmed that the monies total came to \$1325.32 - \$80.00 = \$1245.32

### **OLD HOMES DAY**

Mr. Fisher offered discussion saying he will donate his trailer and pull it with his tractor for the Old Homes Day parade.

Ms. Larson and Ms. Masse Quinn offered to decorate the trailer.

Mr. Doherty will be contributing corn stalks and decorations for the trailer.

Ms. Cooke and Mr. Fisher will be contributing hay bales to decorate the trailer.

Ms. Cooke will be assisting the parade and has been in contact with the person riding the horse.

Ms. Mass Quinn will reach out to Tom and email the members with the meeting place and time for the Old Homes Day parade.

### **COMPOSTING**

Ms. Larson will be in contact with Rhonda from the Pelham Transfer Station and the compost information will be posted on the Town social media page while flyers will be going out to the community.

Ms. Takesian offered discussion and the compost day will begin on December 1, 2023.

Ms. Cooke offered discussion and will be meeting with Chip Magee on the week of 9/13/2023 to discuss incorporating composting within the Pelham Public School system.

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. **DOHERTY/COOKE**

Respectfully submitted by:

Danielle Masse Quinn, Vice Chair