

**TOWN OF PELHAM  
PELHAM AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION  
NOT APPROVED MEETING MINUTES JULY 6, 2023**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

James Fisher

**MINUTES**

Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2023 **APPROVED** Cooke/Doherty  
Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2023 **APPROVED** Cooke/Doherty

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A resident reach out via social media with an address of 87 Jericho Road with concerns about three (3) cows located on a neighboring property located at 89 Jericho Road.

She was concerned about the lot size being a small lot and if there was proper shelter for the cows. She said she would talk to animal control and get back if she has any further concerns.

**OPEN FORUM**

No one came forward for Open Forum

**APPOINTMENTS**

None

**DISCUSSION**

**Community Garden**

Ms. Masse Quinn presented the final copy of the Community Garden presentation packet with cover letter to the members for review.

All members were in agreement to use the final Community Garden presentation packet to present to the Pelham Forestry Commission.

All members were in agreement to send an email to the Chair of the Forestry Commission requesting to have the Agriculture Commission added to the agenda for their next meeting.

### **COMMUNITY COMPOSTING**

Ms. Larson opened the discussion for proposing to create a community composting site at the Pelham Transfer Station.

Ms. Takesian spoke with Rhonda at the Transfer Station and got some positive feedback

The Commission discussed the Town's of Hollis and Amherst and the ways those towns operate their composting.

A company can bring in barrels and haul away which takes the weighted items out which would be good for the town

Ms. Larson offered discussion on how the compost needs to sit so the residents can come and collect /use for themselves.

Mr. Doherty offered discussion on how the compost can pile up and would require three (3) bins to alternate turns for the compost. Concrete blocks can be use if needed.

Ms. Larson and Mr. Doherty discussed a rotating composting station.

The commission members discussed the benefit of a compost station where the residents can come by and grab compost with a bucket, there is no smell to compost, and it has been very beneficial and working well for other Town's.

Ms. Larson offered discussion for those who burn trees, and such the ash can go into the compost.

The Commission members agree that starting small with compost stations and hauling away to begin. If is growing into something bigger than option 2.

Ms. Takesian requested to reach out to Rhonda from the Transfer Station to see if she can attend the next Agricultural Commission meeting.

The Commission members were in favor of Ms. Takesian's request and Ms. Larson will reach out to Rhonda at the Transfer Station.

## **Master Plan**

Ms. Masse Quinn updated the members with the final submission paragraph for the Agricultural Commission to be entered into the 2023 Master Plan

**MOTION** to accept the Agricultural Commission submission to be entered into the 2023 Master Plan    **DOHERTY/COOKE**

## **Treasures Report**

Mr. Spottiswood submitted two (2) receipts in reference to Farmers Market:

1. Farmers Market Bags; and
2. Cotton Candy Machine rental

**MOTION** to reimburse John Spottiswood in the amount of \$596.19 for reimbursement of monies spent on the above items.    **MASSE QUINN/COOKE**

Mr. Doherty collected a total of \$620.00. \$560 in checks and \$60.00 in cash.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:50.    **MOTION** to adjourn meeting    **COOKE/DOHERTY**

Respectfully submitted by:

Danielle Masse Quinn, Vice Chair