

**APPROVED
TOWN OF PELHAM
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 1, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Jenny Larson called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

PRESENT: Jenny Larson, Steve Doherty, Danielle Masse-Quinn, Alternate Jeff Caira, Alternate John Spottiswood, Alternate Theresa Wentzell, Selectman Cote

ABSENT: Jessica Edwards, Laura Spottiswood

Ms. Larson appointed Alternates Jeff Caira and Theresa Wentzell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: (Doherty/Masse-Quinn) To accept meeting minutes from March 4, 2021 Agricultural Commission meeting.

VOTE: (5-0-0) The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S):

No announcements

OPEN FORUM:

No one came forward.

APPOINTMENTS:

No appointments.

TREASURY:

Mr. Doherty stated, no change. Our account is currently at \$80.00.

DISCUSSION:

- Voting for officers tabled until May 6th meeting, the Vice Chair and the Secretary are both absent from meeting
- Mr. Caira is interested in finding out what livestock is in town. Discussion of an anonymous poll. We could call a town with an AG Committee and find out what they have done.
- Town Education: We need funds to start education in the town. We can rent space for education opportunities. The VFW or the Saddlery.

Maybe we can rent the land behind Meetinghouse Parkway Green from the First Congregational Church. Community Garden. Getting children involved.

- Farmer's Market: Agricultural Commission to have the info table at the Market. Selectman Cote state that he can print some flyers for the Ag Commission. We need to get him an update version to print.**ACTION ITEM
- Insurance has been acquired for the Market. Coverage to start on June 1st, with the first market taking place on 6/19/21.
- The First Congregational Church is allowing the Farmer's Market to use power.
- Looking for sponsors for the Farmer's Market
- Financial info: The town employee who handles finances still has not been replaced. There was a donation to the Agricultural Commission for the Farmer's Market of \$150.00. We may need the BOS to appropriate the money via request.
- Old Home Day is on a Saturday and conflicts with Market. Look for alternative or cancel.
- Selectman Cote stated that we need to review RSA673-16 regarding finance law and staffing. We may need to request a line item from the Board of Selectman.
- Pelham Middle School are creating art for flyers and the Pelham High School is creating art for logos. We will display the artwork at the Farmer's Market.
- Ms. Larson discussed a community garden and donating the food to the Pelham Food Pantry. Mr. Spottiswood stated that the First Congregational Church was also interested in creating a community garden in their playground area. Mr. Spottiswood will reach out to the church and offer help to dismantle the playground equipment.
- Volunteer are needed. Ms. Larson & Ms. Masse-Quinn will work on this.
- Mr. Doherty suggested that high school students that are involved in the culinary program be invited to come to market and prepare food from the market to sell. Checking to see if there is a Garden Club at the high school. Checking to see if there are any wood shop students and see about building raised beds.
- Fundraising

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Doherty/Masse-Quinn) To adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: (5-0-0)