

**TOWN OF PELHAM
PELHAM AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES APRIL 6, 2023**

Chairwoman Jenny Larson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:37 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

ABSENT

Laura Spottiswood (via text)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION: (Doherty/Masse Quinn) To elect Jenny Larson as Chair to the Pelham Agricultural Commission

MOTION: (Doherty/Cooke) To elect Danielle Masse Quinn as Vice Chair to the Pelham Agricultural Commission

MOTION: (Masse Quinn/Cooke) to elect Laura Spottiswood as Secretary to the Pelham Agricultural Commission

MOTION: (Masse Quinn/ Cooke) to elect Steve Doherty as Treasure to the Pelham Agricultural Commission

MINUTES

MOTION (Masse Quinn/Doherty) to table January 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes to the May Meeting; and

Meeting Minutes for the March 2, 2023 to show meeting did not have a quorum therefor no meeting minutes to be approved

Chairwoman Larson welcomed newly appointed members Michelle Cooke for her full time three (3) year term to the Commission and James Fisher for his three (3) year alternate position to the Commission

Discussion on the Pelham NH Farmers Market:

The Farmers Market opening day is scheduled for June 3, 2023 located at the First Congregational Church, 3 Main Street, Pelham NH

Farmers Market signs to be placed and many residents still have signs and should be putting them out on their lawns soon;

Currently have 27 Vendor Applications;

Discussion on the Chicken Poop Bingo Game

MOTION: (Masse Quinn/ Doherty) To have any and all proceeds in reference to the Chicken Poop Bingo Game be donated to the Pelham Agricultural Commission

Discussion on community tents to include but not limited to VFW, Flip, Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts and the Pelham Park and Recreation Dept.

Discussion on recruiting Pelham High School students to volunteer for the farmers market from opening to closing times

Discussion on Farmer Dave, adding Farmer Liberty Hill and new vendors

Discussion on the Pelham Master Plan

The Commission agreed to have Danielle Masse Quinn address their concerns for the Agricultural Commission at the next Master Plan Subcommittee Meeting; for the Agricultural Commission to have their own section/page within the new proposed Master Plan

Discussion on a Compost Grant

Chairwoman Larson introduced to the commission the a Compost Grant

The Compost Grant is created through the Department of Agriculture and works with compost food and waste

The Commission discussed implementing a town compost within and or located at the Highway Department/ Transfer Station in Town

Discussion on the many benefits of a town compost; generating revenue, money savings in weight out and burn leaves/wood and ashes can go into the compost pile

The Agricultural Commission would have to present the compost grant to the Pelham Board of Selectmen

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:57 pm

MOTION: (Masse Quinn/ Doherty) to adjourn meeting

Respectfully submitted by:
Danielle Masse Quinn, Vice Chair