

Andover Farmers Market Meeting Minutes
Old Firehouse 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 18th, 2017

CALL TO ORDER 7:00

Attending: Cathy Palazzi, Mike Palazzi, Karen Hunter, Shirley Deflaviis, Grace Gostanian, Elaine Buchardt, Jeanne Person
Absent: Bob Russell, Marie Smith, Dave Gostanian
Shirley seated as the alternate for Bob.

PUBLIC SPEAK

None

ADD/DELETE

Cathy added 6. D. thank you card
And 6. E. First Selectmen and committee appointments

OLD BUSINESS

Market to open June 23rd 4-7PM, last week September 22nd.
Vendors are told to get there starting at 3:00PM, Market Masters there around 2:30.

We have 6 farmers now: Dondero Orchards of Glastonbury(fruit)
Falscraft Farm of Ashford(plants and herbs)
BB Brewster of Andover(organic produce, CSA)
Western View Farm of Scotland(veggies, jams, jellies, eggs)
4 Winds Farms (beef)
Karen Hunter will be selling eggs and honey.

There are 20 vendors signed up right now in addition to the farmers.

We have entertainment for all but two weeks. The first week will be Tony Susi, the final week will be Joe Mainville. Karen gave Cathy the name of the Calhoun family on Dogwood Lane who are entertainers. Jeanne suggested Paul Tambura.

NEW BUSINESS

The signs are being ordered. Grace looked into different vendors for the large signs and found the company we use is the most reasonable. We discussed location of the signs – not too close to the road so they won't get picked up.
Mike to put arrows along route 6 pointing toward the market. He may use the large carrots to fashion the arrows.

Advertising: Cathy has put information in for all the free ads. New Bulletin and Journal Inquirer. There is the Broadcaster and the Willimantic Chronicle.

Grace will take care of the paid advertisements two weeks before we start.

Cathy has put in a request to the state agency for farmers markets to assist us in finding bread and dairy vendors.

The Andover Elementary School student council sent us a lovely thank you note for letting them sell baked goods at the winter market and for the donation we gave them toward their tower garden and supplies needed for their outdoor garden. They will be selling some vegetables at the Summer market.

Cathy will submit the names of those who want to continue to be on the Andover Farmers Market. All present wanted to continue. Selectmen will appoint new boards for the next two years (July 1st 2017 to June 30th 2019) at their June meeting.

Our market equipment is being stored in Kim Person's barn. Mike said one of the large tent cases was ripped and needed to be replaced. It was suggested to wrap it with a tarp and some bungee cords since replacement bags are quite expensive.

Next meeting is June 15th at 7PM.

Adjourned 7:55PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Elaine Buchardt