

Andover Farmers Market

Wednesday, May 7, 2020 6:30 P.M.

Location: Virtual via Zoom platform

Special Meeting Minutes

Attending: Amanda Gibson, Elaine Buchardt, Kaila Reed, Suzanne Heise, Shirley DeFlaviis, Celeste Willard, Lucie Wilson

VENDORS:

Confirmed:

Cambera Farm- bread, soap
Healthy Hound Barkery- dog treats
Field Engineer Farm- produce
Birch Mountain Farm- produce
East Willow Farm- meat
Juniper Catering- baked treats (new!)
Coveted Farms- lettuce & greens (new!)
Westernview Farm- produce (only Aug & Oct)

Pending:

CT Valley Garlic
Window Box Farm
The Nut Guy

MUSIC:

Booked Tony Susi with Liam Calhoun for Wed 7/1. Coordinating schedules with others.
The group agreed we should have entertainment even if we have to restrict people standing near each other to listen.

MISSION STATEMENT: Suzanne presented new version. We all agreed on it. The adopted mission statement will be presented in our next meeting.

COMMUNITY SPONSORS:

We have to get creative this year and find ways to support local businesses during this hard time. We will not be asking for sponsorships this year.

2020 BUDGET:

Ordering of promo products? So far we have not ordered any. Maybe wait until next year.

WIC/Senior Vouchers and EBT Machine:

Amanda is still waiting to hear on USDA application. I need approval before I can submit state application. Jaime from State of CT Dept of Ag is helping me with this. She said there is limited funding and she knows we are really trying to make this happen.

Because of COVID-19 and the need to prevent spread of the virus, the market will be held on the first Wednesday of the month as planned, but we will follow the guidelines put forth by the state. Farmers Markets have been deemed essential. At our next meeting in June we plan out how the market will look after reading the guidelines.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM