

## **Andover Farmers Market**

### **Special Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Wednesday August 1st, 2018  
Over AndOver 415 Route 6– 6:00PM**

- I. Call to Order – 6:04 Amanda daCunha. Present: Elaine Buchardt, Celeste Willard, Lucie Wilson and Kaila Reed. Absent: Karen Hunter, Shirley DeFlaviis
  
- II. Public Speak – Joan Soucy from our Andover Food Pantry and Sarah Hill for Food Share came to talk to us about having the market at the “Food Pantry Field” (at the Andover Congregational Church) and about Food Share, SNAP cards, Wick Cards and Senior vouchers. Amanda will get in touch with the CT agriculture department to find out how the farmers get reimbursed for the tokens they take for food and veggies. She will also find out more information on the machine that reads the SNAP cards and gives out the tokens. Sarah will get a contact for us. Sarah also mentioned that there is a game – Hunger 101 – that we can get from food share and have people play. Elaine suggested the boy scouts might like a copy of the game. If we want food share to advertise our September market, we need to have the information to them by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Too late for the August market. September is Hunger Action Month and we will do something in the September market for it. Possibly advertise for food items for the food pantry (Joan says tuna, peanut butter, pasta and sauce are always needed) and we give raffle tickets for the donations.
  
- III. Minutes from last meeting – Celeste made a motion we accept the minutes from the July 11th meeting. Amanda 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
  
- IV. New member. Meghan Moriarity wants to join the farmers market committee. We have two alternate positions open. Elaine made a motion we accept Meghan as an AFM alternate. Celeste 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Elaine swore Meghan into the AFM committee at 6:40PM

## V. August 15th Market

We need new signage at the Christmas tree lot that points parkers to the last lot by the building instead of the first lot. Meghan also asked if we could clear out some branches and mark off parking spaces in the town owned lot. Amanda mentioned we have marker paint and might be able to get someone to clear out some trees and shrubs to allow for more parking.

Gounded Coffee needs better signage.

We should move the AFM table and Gounded Coffee toward the front of the building for better visibility. It was suggested we should have a board at the booth that lists the vendors in attendance. Amanda will have a wooden cash box for us. Celeste brought a sample tee shirt with the new Andover Farmers Market logo. She will find out what the pricing would be the shirts for us to order a few. Elaine asked if we can get a light yellow green instead of the light brown.

Lucie will have the face painters come back.

Our theme is camping so Lucie, Kaila (her father runs a campground) and Celeste (she has a kids tent) will work on getting tents to set up as an activity. Lucie will work on some kind of some mores kits that don't require a fire – marshmallow fluff for the marshmallows. Possibly check with Munsons for a chocolate donation – this needs to be done two weeks in advance. Lucie will also have ALPOA bring beach balls for an activity with them, as well as corn hole. Kaila to bring camping chairs so more people can sit.

Keifer Kettle corn is supposed to come, but haven't paid yet. Proctor Hall still needs to pay – there was a communication problem. They will be providing hot dogs again. Cori will be providing bread again, but slicing it thinner. She will also bring a lamb again, but no goat. Proctor hall will hopefully have chickens as well as pork this time.

The Barkery will have a doggy kissing booth and hopefully bring cat treats.

Holister Green House is hopefully coming with veggies, fruit and corn.

Meghan is trying to get cut flowers from Muddy Boots in Tolland.

Celeste is speaking with a brewery that is licensed to do farmers markets.

Amanda will call Granny's Pie Factory, the Cupcake Bug, Green Peace Farm.

We will have yoga again. Elaine to bring her mike. She is looking for her power strip that was left.

Toad will play again for free.

Kaila to look into having someone film the market with a drone. Celeste also knows a licensed drown operator.

- VI. Next steps – Everyone work on what they need to for the August 15<sup>th</sup> market.
- VII. Set up dates for future meetings – Next meeting is September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at Over AndOver.
- VIII. Public Speak – none left
- XI. Adjournment – 7:35PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Elaine Buchardt