Andover Farmers' Market Town of Andover Thursday, December 2nd, 2021 6:30 P.M.

Location: virtual via Zoom

Special Meeting Minutes

Call to Order by Amanda Gibson at 6:50PM

Roll Call: Elaine Buchardt, Shirley Deflaviis, Celeste Willard.

Public Participation: Abbie Winter

Recap of 2021 Season

- a. Vendors We appreciated all the vendors that participated this year. Amanda will be sending out cards to each farm to express that appreciation.
- b. Music the music worked out well. It seemed the right kind of sound for our market.
- c. Food Trucks The food trucks are a must. There was only one week we didn't have one and got Andover Pizza instead to sell by the slice. Amanda is still trying to get the 10% proceeds they are to give to the food pantry. Some have paid it.
- d. Andover Food Pantry we are going to present more that \$600 to the Food Pantry from our raffle ticket sales and food truck proceeds. Once we have collected all, we will send a check to Joan Soucy.

2. Old Business

a. SNAP EBT Program – we still need more people who have cards to help us practice putting them in the system and giving them tokens for the market. There seems to be a disconnect with the card numbers and what the system will allow you to enter. Maybe need new software?

3. New Business

a. Winter Market – we discussed having a winter market, but it was mentioned that Cathy Palazzi is having a winter craft fair in the school on Sunday Feb. 6th Abbie Winter wants to do a seed swap in the spring and it was mentioned that she should talk to Cathy(who is on the Andover Community Garden Committee) to see if she can have a seed swap table at the craft sale. We also

- mentioned our first market will be in May and a seed swap would work out well at that first market before outdoor planting is done.
- b. 2022 Season Dates we discussed dates for 2022 and picked the following: May 4th, June 1st, July 13th, August 3rd, Sept. 7th, Oct. 5th and November 5th for 3 hours instead of 4 hours.
- c. Our next meeting will be January 20th, 2022 Thursday at 6:30.
- 4. Public Participation none
- 5. Adjournment 7:30PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Elaine Buchardt, AFM secretary.