

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FARMERS' MARKET COMMITTEE
LISBON TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Farmers' Market Committee was called to order by Edward Gionet, Chairman, at 6:14 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edward Gionet, Laura Sweet, Rich Ruppel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tanner Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT: Juliana MacLean, LCS Student Ambassador

2. Reading of previous minutes – Motion made by E. Gionet second by L. Sweet to approve the previous Regular Meeting minutes of December 21, 2023 as presented.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

3. Correspondence

- a. Application, dated 1/3/2024, from E. Duchaineau, re: ElainentheSun 2024 Farmers Market Vendor Application
- b. Application, dated 1/3/2024, from A. Burroughs, re: B-Z-B Farm LLC 2024 Farmers Market Vendor Application
- c. Email, from E. Gionet, to Fall Festival Committee, re: application for use of community center parking lot for 2024 Farmers' Market
- d. Email, from L. Sweet, to Wheelabrator, re: 2024 Farmers' Market sponsorship

4. Bills and Financial Report

- a. Prokop Signs, invoice dated 7/5/2023, \$70.00 for 2 18x24 step stake signs
Motion made by E. Gionet second by L. Sweet to ratify invoice dated 7/5/2023 in the amount of \$70.00 for Prokop Signs

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

- b. Ocean Fashion LLC, invoice dated 12/24/2023, \$150.00 for 10 Farmers' Market printed t-shirts
Motion made by L. Sweet second by E. Gionet to approve payment of \$150.00 to Ocean Fashion, LLC for 10 t-shirts.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

5. Old Business

- a. Location discussion – Continued discussion regarding moving the Farmers' Market location to the Newent Church yard for the next market season and expense involved with that.
- b. Town planner discussion - L. Sweet read the proposed zoning text amendment as recommended by M. Murphy, Town Planner.
Motion made by L. Sweet second by E. Gionet to submit the following proposed text amendment to #10.27.2 Standards item g.
"No more than 2 non-profit/informational vendors shall be permitted at each Farmers' Market event. Food trucks shall comprise no more than 30% of all vendors, up to a maximum of 5, whichever is less, at each Farmers' Market event. A food truck is defined as a motorized vehicle or trailer that is equipped to store, transport, cook, prepare and serve made-to-order food. Food trucks shall use CT-grown ingredients, when possible."

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

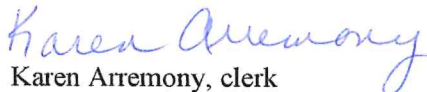
Motion made by L. Sweet second by E. Gionet to submit the committee signed Application for Change of Zoning Regulations or Boundaries to the Lisbon Planning and Zoning Commission

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- c. Supplies – Continued conversation regarding supplies needed for the 2024 market season. L. Sweet will look into pricing for a custom printed tent.
- 6. New Business
 - a. FMC Annual Meeting – L. Sweet and R. Ruppel talked about the Farmers' Market Coalition annual meeting that was scheduled for January 23, 2024 but was cancelled and will be rescheduled. L. Sweet will reach out to them for more information.
 - b. CT Outstanding Young Farmer Nominations – L. Sweet discussed this award which is sponsored by the Connecticut Agricultural Information Council (CAIC) and the criteria for nominees. The committee would like to submit an application for one of the Lisbon Farmers' Market vendors who meet the criteria. Applications must be submitted by February 23, 2024.
- 7. Adjournment – Motion by E. Gionet second by R. Ruppel to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED


Karen Arremony, clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edward Gionet, Chairman

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ON 1/22/24 AT 9:05am
ATTEST. MICHELLE GRANT, TOWN CLERK
