

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FARMERS' MARKET COMMITTEE
LISBON SENIOR CENTER
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Farmers' Market Committee was called to order by Edward Gionet, Chairman, at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edward Gionet, Laura Sweet, Rich Ruppel, Tanner Wilson (remote)
MEMBERS ABSENT: none

2. Reading of previous minutes – Motion made by E. Gionet second by L. Sweet to approve the previous Regular Meeting minutes of October 19, 2023 and Regular Meeting cancellation of November 16, 2023 as presented.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

3. Correspondence
 - a. Letter, dated 10/24/2023, from T. Sparkman, First Selectman, re: re-appointment of L. Sweet to Farmers' Market Committee for the term 11/20/2023-11/19/2027
 - b. Memo, dated 11/9/2023, from J. Lorange, Lisbon Student Ambassador Program Coordinator, re: Student Ambassador Program
 - c. Memo, dated 11/15/2023, from W. Donaldson, Chairman, Board of Finance, re: Annual Report Narrative for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Activities
 - d. Memo, dated 12/5/2023, from T. Sparkman, First Selectman, re: Holiday Luncheon

4. Bills and Financial Report – as of December 15, 2023 the balance in the account is \$1,660.82

5. Old Business
 - a. New location discussion – Discussion regarding moving the Farmers' Market location to the Newent Church yard for the next market season, but the \$50 weekly rental fee may be cost prohibitive.
 - b. Winter assignments – nothing to report
 - c. Grants – L. Sweet is looking into grant opportunities for the next market season.
 - d. Future Market – Many previous market vendors have taken advantage of the Early Bird pricing and have applied for the 2024 market season. L. Sweet is in contact with new vendors as there are still some specialty weekly spots available.
Motion made by L. Sweet second by R. Ruppel to allow new vendors to participate in their first market day at no charge.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by L. Sweet second by R. Ruppel to pay musicians \$100 per market in 2024..

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

- e. Supplies – The following supplies will be needed for the next market season – trash bags, sanitary wipes, a new tent for the Farmers' Market booth, storage box, new signs
- f. Food truck – L. Sweet is working with the town planner on revising wording in the town ordinance for food trucks at town events.

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6. New Business – none

7. Adjournment – Motion by E. Gionet second by L. Sweet to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED: _____
Edward Gionet, Chairman

Karen Arremony
Karen Arremony, clerk

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