

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
FARMERS' MARKET COMMITTEE
LISBON SENIOR CENTER
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: The special 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, Tanner Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rich Ruppel

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Murphy, Town Planner, Jhady Jaffe, Recreation Committee

2. Town Planner Discussion/Regulation Change Request – Michael Murphy, Town Planner, was invited to the meeting to talk to the committee about the regulations pertaining to farmers markets and other events, specifically with the current restrictions on food trucks. J. Jaffe from the Recreation Committee was also present for the conversation as that committee would like to plan more community events where multiple food trucks are present. M. Murphy discussed the restrictions which apply to the R-40/R-60/R-80 Residential Districts specifically in regards to the Farmers' Market. He explained some history regarding the creation of the regulations for the Lisbon Farmers' Market in 2018 as well as acknowledged that over time some regulations may need to be reviewed and modified. He also defined the process that needs to be followed for text amendments to be made.
3. Farmers' Market Disposition of Records – Memo from E. Joseph, Clerk to the Boards, to Chairman Gionet, dated 8/3/2023, regarding annual records disposition. The committee agreed that the records listed from 2019 through 2021 were no longer needed and can be disposed of.
4. Grant Spending – Since the Lisbon Central School provides new backpacks to the students for back-to-school, the committee decided to instead spend funds from the Farm Credit East Farmers' Market Grant on water bottles to be distributed free to students attending the market on 8/17/2023. Motion by E. Gionet second by T. Wilson to reimburse L. Sweet \$495.54 for the purchase of water bottles for the back-to-school theme market.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

5. Sign Posting Discussion – The committee discussed whether or not to continue to post the Farmers' Market signs on various roads on market day. The signs are another way of advertising the market and helpful to remind people that it is open on market day. The Committee decided to continue to use the signs.
6. Upcoming Expenditures (tent, entertainment, apparel)
 - a. Tent - Chairman Gionet explained that the tent used by the Farmers' Market staff each week is broken and needs to be replaced. Motion made by E. Gionet second by L. Sweet to approve the purchase of up to \$200.00 for a new tent.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

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- b. Entertainment – Motion made by L. Sweet second by T. Wilson to approve payment of \$100.00 for Jon & Jamila to play at one more market.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

- c. Staff t-shirts – Ocean Apparel will be able to print the shirts as discussed in earlier meetings. Motion made by E. Gionet second by L. Sweet to spend up to \$150.00 for Farmers' Market staff t-shirts made by Ocean Apparel.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

7. Mum Voucher Authorization – Chairman Gionet explained that C. Jolly is involved in a fundraiser for Relay for Life. She would like to sell vouchers for mum plants donated by Malerba Farms for this cause. The vouchers would be available at the Farmers' Market. Motion made by E. Gionet second by L. Sweet to allow C. Jolly to sell the mum vouchers at the Farmers' Market.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

8. Reimbursement Approval

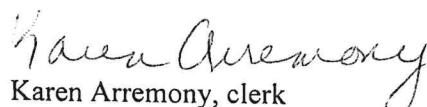
- C. Jolly's food pantry – As approved at the 7/20/23 Farmers' Market Committee regular meeting, a donation of \$50.00 will be made to C. Jolly's food pantry. Chairman Gionet will make the donation then apply for reimbursement.

- Farmers' Market Tattoos – L. Sweet reported that she had purchased "I Love Farmers' Market" tattoos to distribute to child visitors. Motion made by E. Gionet second by T. Wilson to reimburse L. Sweet up to \$30.00 for the tattoos.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

9. Adjournment - Motion made by E. Gionet second by L. Sweet to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED


Karen Arremoney, clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edward Gionet, Chairman

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