

Approved: February 13, 2013

**MERRIMACK AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING**  
**JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**  
**6:00-8:00PM**  
**Approved Minutes**

Chairperson, John Lastowka called the meeting to order at 6:14pm.

Attending were: John Lastowka, Bob McCabe, Cindy Warhola, Pete Gagnon, Bess Parks

The chairperson made Pete Gagnon a full voting member for this meeting.

John met with the Department of Public Works to discuss Merrimack Public Works to place traffic cones at the Farmers Market for the days it is open. They will also place two canvas signs in front of the traffic cones to designate this a location for the day of the Farmers Market. The Merrimack Town Manager will make the final decision.

Rules and regulation was discussed and the fees for the 2013 season will \$75.00 for the season, 14 week, or \$40 for half, or 7 weeks. All fees will be non-refundable with payments in advance. Some changes will be made to reflect the possibility of a market manager from the Agricultural Commission not being present at the time of the market opening or closing. The changes will be: No assigned parking for vendors, market manager may declare (if present) unsafe weather for vendors, WIC program for vendors no longer in effect. The farmers market will be open the week of July 4, 1013.

Cindy Warhola will make the following changes to the Rules, Regulation, and Vendor application: Farmers Market contacts for vendors with any questions or concerns will be John Lastowka and Bob McCabe. Their cell phones or email may be used and their information will be on the rules and applications forms.

A motion was made by Cindy Warhola to shorten the market season by 2 weeks, from 16 to 14 weeks, starting June 19, 2013 and ending September 18, 2013. Pete Gagnon seconded the motion, all were in favor 5-0-0.)

Cindy Warhola will continue to manage the E-Mail. Flyers to distribute will be on the February 13, 2013 agenda.

The local newspapers and Merrimack Journal will be investigated by John and Bob for possible advertisement opportunities.

The Farmers Market dates will be posted in the NH Weekly Market Bulletin to inform returning and new vendors to the 2013 Merrimack Farmers Market.

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A motion to adjourn by Cindy Warhola: Bess Parks seconded, all were in favor, 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned 8:26, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bess-Arden Parks  
Acting Secretary