

PFMA MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
(2022 Buy-In Meeting)  
March 5, 2022 via Zoom

The meeting was opened at 6:00 pm by Caitlin Jordan, Market Chairperson.

Those in attendance:

Caitlin Jordan - Alewives Brook Farm  
David & Jessica - Good Shepherd Farm  
Cindy Creps - Meadowbrook Perennials  
Mike Farwell - Uncle's Farm  
Heather & Doug Donahue - Balfour Farm  
Jan & Carl - Goranson Farm  
Lauren - Lost and Found Farm  
Erin - Tiny Acres Farm  
Nicolas - Blue Hill Berry Co.  
Ramona & Carolyn Snell - Snell Family Farm  
Emily - Emily's Oysters  
Kelby - Olde Haven Farm  
John Carter- Middle Intervale Farm  
Cathy Karonis - Fairwinds Farm

**Buy-In Requests:**

The meeting began with a brief discussion and vote on each item on the Buy-In Request List. The final approval can be found at the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13d63czxeyXKLDMX7VeMM5Cf4oxsTPk0WQ-fl04XkyfA/edit#gid=0>

There was a reminder that all buy-ins must be clearly marked on an orange tag...the tag can be downloaded from the Portland Farmers Market Website under the heading Vendor Info.

The Buy-In Rule itself can also be found on the Vendor Info page under the heading “Rules”

### **Brown Tail Moths:**

Caitlin gave an update that the market **will** be moving to Payson Park once again this year, due to Brown Tail Moths...but for a shorter period of time. We will move from May 18th - June 15th.

Carolyn offered to help with the layout and space marking at Payson Park, and Hanne offered to have her husband make the layout map.

### **Mask Mandate:**

A discussion was held regarding whether or not to continue with the mandate requiring vendors and customers to be masked while shopping at the market.

A motion was made by Hanne to require vendors to continue to wear masks at the market. Motion was seconded

Vote results were a tie: 7/7.

More discussion.

A motion was made by Doug that the market “Follow the CDC Guidelines for Masking.” Motion was seconded by Caitlin.

Vote results: 8 yes; 4 no; 2 abstention

Vote passed, meaning mask wearing is optional for vendors and customers.

Going forward, Heather has volunteered to monitor the CDC Guidelines and keep the market updated if the guidelines change, warranting a change in our masking status.

**New Business:**

Secretary of the market will email the minutes of meetings to the membership, in addition to emailing them to Jaime. With the minutes from this meeting she will also include:

Instructions/password to access vendor page on website. Copy of PFMA buy-in rules. Copy of State of Maine farmers market buy-in rules. A link to the buy in tag on the vendor page, as well as a link to the Buy - In requests approved at this meeting.

A motion was made by Doug and seconded by Cindy to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Karonis  
Secretary, PFMA