

4/16/2011 Portland Farmers' Market Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Maine Irish Heritage Center, State Street Portland Maine

Attendance:

Dan Perron- Sumner Valley Farm
Ben Hartwell- Sebago Lake Ranch
David Buchanan- Old Ocean House Farm
John & Carolyn Snell- Snell Family Farm
Larry Bruns- Hanson Field Flower Farm
Dick Fowler- Pleasant Hill Farm
Hanne Tierney- Cornerstone Farm
Mark Heidman- Maple Springs Farm
Mike Farwell- Uncle's Farm
Beth Schiller- Dandelion Springs Farm

Caitlin & Jodie Jordan- Alewife's Brook Farm
Lester Jordan- L & A Farm
Daniel Price- Freedom Farm
Lauren Pignatello- Swallowtail Farm and Creamery
Simon Frost- Thirty Acre Farm
John Pease- Merrifield Farm
Mary Ellen & Austin Chadd- Green Spark Farm
Andy & Jaime Berhanu- Lalibela Farm
Jim Beckwith- Beckwith Gardens
Scott Howard- Olivia's Garden

1. Welcome

2. Vote on Forming the Portland Farmers' Market Association:

-Hanne Tierney moves to form the "Portland Farmers' Market Association" (PFMA)

-Carolyn Snell seconds the motion.

Discussion of the motion. Members express concerns, support, and issues regarding the matter.

-Vote to form the PFMA:

For: Total of 23votes (13votes present +10 by email)

Against: Total of 7 votes (6 votes present +1 by email)

Abstain: 0

77% in favor: **Motion Passes**

3. Discuss Proposed By-Laws:

-Larry Bruns moves to accept By-Laws as proposed

-Hanne Tierney seconds the motion.

Discussion of the motion. Members read through the proposed By-Laws.

-Larry Bruns amends his motion to accept the By-Laws with an elimination of the last sentence of Article 3 (Membership section), and the addition of the words "at least" in Article 4 (Officers and Steering Committee) in the section titled: "Steering Committee". (For clarity, the Article 4 change becomes: "These officers, together with at least two other elected members, shall constitute the Steering Committee")

-Vote to accept the Proposed By-Laws for the PFMA with the above amendment:

For: Total of 14 votes

Against: 0

Abstain: 6

70% of present members in favor: **Motion Passes**

4. Discuss Proposed Rules:

-Larry Bruns moves to adopt the Rules as proposed

-Hanne Tierney seconds the motion

-Discussion of the motion. Members read through the proposed Rules.

-Members discuss the following changes to the proposed Rules:

In section 2.a. Removal of the sentence "The market traditionally ends the Saturday before Thanksgiving."

In section 2.b. Removal of the sentences "The market opens for the season the last Wednesday in April. The market traditionally ends the Wednesday before Thanksgiving."

In section 2. The addition of subsection d. "The location and times of the Winter Farmers' Market will be determined each year."

In section 6.c. The addition to the first sentence of "...seedlings and plants grown your care for at least 6 weeks may be sold at the..."

In section 6.e.2. The change of the word "public" to "farmers".

-Larry Bruns amends his motion to accept the proposed Rules with the above changes.

-Vote to accept the proposed Rules of the PFMA with the above changes.

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstain: 6

70% of present members in favor: **Motion Passes.**

5. Discussion of Parking Issues at Deering Oaks Park.

-Ideas discussed to find additional parking for customers. The following ideas were suggested:

a) Change of parking direction on the King's Court section of the Deering Oaks rd.

b) Shuttle to the USM parking garage.

c) Closure of a section of State Street.

d) When available, use of the High School parking lot with a sign on Deering Ave when the lot is available.

-Members agree that the Steering Committee will continue to work on the matter and report back to the members.

6. Election of Officers and Steering Committee.

-Elections made for the following positions:

Chairperson: Daniel Price, Freedom Farm

Treasurer: Scott Howard, Olivia's Garden

Secretary: Jaime Berhanu, Lalibela Farm

Membership Coordinator: Hanne Tierney, Cornerstone Farm

Saturday Market Manager: Larry Bruns, Hanson Field Flower Farm

Wednesday Market Manager: Larry Bruns, Hanson Field Flower Farm

Winter Market Manager: Lauren Pignatello, Swallowtail Farm

Members At-Large: Carolyn Snell, Snell Farm

Mary Ellen Chadd, Green Spark Farm

Mike Farwell, Uncle's Farm

Jodie Jordan, Alewife's Brook Farm

-Larry Bruns motions to accept elected officials.

-Hanne Tierney seconds the motion.

-Vote to accept elected officials.

12 votes in favor: **Motion Passes.**

7. Discussion of Harvest on the Harbor

-Members discuss the October 22nd event that has invited the market to setup during the event.

-Members decided not to move the market & instead to individually contact Daniel Price if they are interested in setting up at the Harvest on the Harbor event in addition to the regular Saturday market in Deering Oaks.

8. *-Mark Heidman motions to adjourn meeting.*

-Austin Chadd seconds the motion.

Meeting Adjourned.

6/18/11 Amendment:

Jaime Berhanu given title of the Portland Farmers' Market Association's EBT Representative by Chairperson Daniel Price.

Minutes taken by Jaime Berhanu, Lalibela Farm