

FINAL

PRESENT: R. P. McDermott, Chairman; M. Kasprzak, Vice Chairwoman; C. P. Graham, Selectmen; E. N. Small, Town Administrator; L. A. Ruest, Administrative Assistant

FARMERS' MARKET: R. P. McDermott announced that this meeting was called as a courtesy to individuals involved in the proposed farmers' market conditionally approved for the Town Common. Farmers' markets are anticipated to be held on Mondays, beginning June 13, 2 to 6 p.m.

R. P. McDermott asked to hear from Peter Wagner of Applecrest Farms. P. Wagner thanked the Board for arranging this meeting and read a letter outlining the history of Applecrest Farms, the number of years in business, the services provided, community outreach, employment of local residents, the conservation easement approved by voters, and other information relating to the long-time business of Applecrest Farm.

P. Wagner stated that Applecrest Farms was not initially approached when the idea of the farmers' market was raised nor were they invited to participate and expressed concern of the affect on Applecrest Farm. He expressed concern that other large farms would be participating which would not be in the best interest of supporting the local farmer.

P. Wagner added that he has since met with representatives of the farmers' market group and resolved the issues relating to the lack of communication. He noted that Todd Wagner has agreed to serve on its Board. P. Wagner announced a plan to renovate the buildings at Applecrest Farm and provided copies of the preliminary plans.

Sue Veilleux, Drinkwater Road, and John Ashak, Crank Road, explained that draft regulations and rules are in preliminary stages and that they have yet to be reviewed. The idea is to invite vendors as close as possible to Hampton Falls. It is anticipated that the radius will be no more than 50 miles. J. Ashak stated that bylaws are also being drafted and that the group is registered with the State of NH as a nonprofit organization. S. Veilleux noted that Applecrest Farms was listed as a potential vendor in the permit documentation submitted to the State. Larry Smith, Old Stage Road, clarified a concern that there is opposition to this market. He stated that there is no opposition to the idea but that guidelines and rules should be in place so that all know what the plan is.

R. P. McDermott read an email received from John Ratigan, Penhollow Lane, indicating support for the farmers' market and stating it would be unfair and would send a wrong message to reverse the Selectmen's decision.

R. P. McDermott confirmed that the Board of Selectmen conditionally approved a permit for this farmers' market on May 18, 2011. The permit was handed to S. Veilleux.

OTHER:

FINAL

Removal of Brush: E. N. Small reported that he obtained a price of \$2,880 from Valley Tree Service. The Board approved this price and requested that the work be done.

Request for Meeting – State Representative Candidate: E. N. Small asked the Board if they wished to meet with a candidate for State Representative. The Board indicated no as if they met with one there would be an obligation to meet with all.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

MOTION: C. P. GRAHAM

SECOND: M. KASPRZAK

UNANIMOUS