



**1 March 2016**

**MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**2016 FARMERS' MARKET**

**The Arlington Farmers' Market respectfully requests permission to hold the Arlington nineteenth Farmers' Market at the Russell Common Parking Lot, Arlington Center, for the 2016 season. The market is held on Wednesday's 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm.. The Market will begin on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, and close on Wednesday, October 26, 2016.**

**The Arlington Farmers' Market is managed by Patsy Kraemer, assisted and advised by a steering committee, which includes:**

**Patsy Kraemer, Market Manager  
Oakes Plimpton, retired Market Manager  
Bob Sargent, prepared foods vendor  
Alan Nicewisch, farmer  
Betsy Block, consumer  
Leon Cantor, Seconds Market  
Vicki Rose, Seconds Market  
Robin Cohen, Webmaster**

**The Farmers Market will continue to work with representatives from Menotomy Manor to provide residents with the seconds market and also with Food for Free for delivery to safe houses, shelters, and elder residences. Historically the farmers have been very generous in donating surplus produce for this market.**

**The market will continue to have liability insurance that is provided from the Massachusetts Farmers' Market Association.**

**We will have 24 vendors at the market this year, including two wine vendors, eleven farms, one fishmonger, a smoked fish vendor, two bakeries, four prepared food suppliers, and one knife sharpener.**

**The parking pass program has been implemented for the past two years. It was very successful and quite well-received by the customers. We sold approximately 60 parking passes. We would like to continue that parking pass program this year.**

**We look forward to continuing this very popular program for the residents of Arlington. The market provides a place for citizens to purchase fresh, locally grown, top quality produce, also to purchase homemade, fresh food products, to learn about the health of fresh produce, and to enjoy the camaraderie of meeting friends and neighbors at this community gathering spot.**

**We hope you will approve the continuation of this program at the Russell Common Parking Lot.**

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