



19 May 2020

MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2020 FARMERS' MARKET

The Arlington Farmers' Market respectfully requests permission to hold the twenty-third Arlington Farmers' Market at the Russell Common Parking Lot, Arlington Center, for the 2020 season. The market is held on Wednesday's 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The Market will begin on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, and close on Wednesday, October 28, 2020.

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
Alan Nicewisch, farmer
Betsy Block, consumer
Leon Cantor, Seconds Market
Vicki Rose, Seconds Market
Chuck Kraemer, Webmaster**

Patsy Kraemer has consulted with Christine Bongiorno from Health and Human Services and with Natasha Waden from the Arlington Board of Health. Together we have developed the parameters needed to make the market a safe place for vendors and for customers.

The parameters include:

- *controlled entry and exit points**
- *controlled number of customers in the market at one time**
- *signage**
- *social distance markings**
- *guidelines for vendors vis a vis bagging and handling**
- *requirement for masks for everyone**

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

The market manager will collaborate with the Board of Health as the market progresses to determine whether any "tweaking" of the guidelines and parameters are needed to continue making the market a safe place for people to access food.

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

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