



22 April 2021

MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2021 FARMERS' MARKET

The Arlington Farmers' Market respectfully requests permission to hold the twenty-fourth Arlington Farmers' Market at the Russell Common Parking Lot, Arlington Center, for the 2021 season. The market is held on Wednesday's 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The Market will begin on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, and close on Wednesday, October 29, 2021.

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 will consult with Christine Bongiorno from Health and Human Services and with Natasha Waden from the Arlington Board of Health. Together we will develop the parameters needed to make the market a safe place for vendors and for customers this season. We are waiting to learn what the state guidelines for Farmers' Markets will be this year.

We had a very successful year in 2020 and received many compliments and thanks from customers, glad we held the market, and happy with the parameters that we had in place. Many people told us that they felt safe shopping at an outdoor market during the pandemic.

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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