

Wilmot Farmers Market Season Begins

Saturdays, 9 to Noon on the Town Green

Press release

It's farmers market season with the Wilmot town green soon to become a popular venue for keeping farms and small businesses sustainable. According to the USDA census, New Hampshire ranks no. 1 in the US for direct sales as a percentage of all farm sales. Direct sales provide a higher return for farms than what they would otherwise receive on the open market. That is good for farms and good for the community, keeping our rural landscape green and providing customers with fresh, quality local foods. Another key ingredient of the Wilmot Farmers Market is the social hub created by live music, neighbors meeting neighbors and customers getting to interact with the people that grow their foods and make their favorite products. This market season will boast a variety of different farm and artisan products such as honey, meats, eggs, vegetables, bakery items, crafts, knits, woodwork-

ing, wool, body care, preserves and prepared foods. The education tent features area groups and rural topics of interest. The Merrimack County Conservation District offers use of credit/debit cards to be used at the market along with SNAP/EBT with a Granite State Market Match up to \$20. The match program allows participants to actually get a 50% discount on SNAP eligible foods. This season, the market introduces Power of Produce, an eight week program which introduces children to farmers markets and teaches them about produce. POP participants receive \$3 in market bucks for each week they visit the program tent. Thanks to the cooperation of the MCCD, the program will operate along with the SNAP/Credit Card tent.

The market runs every Saturday, June 23 through September 29 from 9-noon at the town green, 9 Kearsarge Valley Road in Wilmot. For more information, including a schedule of musicians and list of participating vendors, visit wilmotfarmersmarket.com or follow them on Facebook. 

Franklin Farmer's Market Moves to New Location

Tuesdays at Community Center

Press release

The Franklin Farmer's Market reopened on June 26. It will be held every Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 6 PM at the Bessie Rowell Community Center at 12 Rowell Drive through August 28.

The market, which has been held for several years at Franklin Regional Hospital, offers fresh vegetables, fruits,

local meat and eggs, homemade bread and sweets, maple syrup and other local specialties.

There are also free children's activities and healthy recipe samples.

The market accepts SNAP via EBT Card as well as credit card and debit card purchases.

More information can be obtained by visiting the Facebook page for "Franklin Farmer's Market." 

Friends of Northern Rail Trail June Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2018

Condensed from draft minutes.

Present: Alex Bernhard, Steve Darling, Charles Martin, Myra Mayman, Chris Norris, Jack Shields, Peter Southworth

Guests: Charles Baer, Patrice Rasche, Steve Rasche

Small group, heavy lifting: this summer's significant maintenance work on the Trail was outlined and possible connection to Concord envisioned.

Treasurer's report:

\$6220 in donations since April, following the mailing of the annual appeal. \$823.25 was generated from the Thursday's Child dinner at the New London Inn. Over all our income is a little ahead of past years, including contributions from organizations such as Andover Pizza Chef, Town of Boscawen, Proctor Academy, Upper Merrimack Local Advisory Committee, Andover Service Club, and the new Mill Number 4 Restaurant in Andover (across from Belletetes).

On Correspondence: Charles Martin reported on rail trail activity in Massachusetts: Governor Baker is soundly behind the rail trail movement. The state has issued a bond for new rail trails. They are developing major long distance trails, including the Central MA Trail. In Northampton there will be the Golden Spike Trail Conference on July 27-28. Information is on line at www.gs2018.org.

Request for Support: Patrice Ra-

sche received an email request from the League of Conservation Voters asking for support of the reauthorization of the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, funded from federal oil lease revenues and used for projects of public use. Patrice suggested that it be used for the Concord connection.

On Technology: Cathy Lisk has contacted all sponsors asking them to renew sponsorships.

On Maintenance: Chris Norris discovered, riding south from Dyer's Crossing in East Andover, that the Trails Bureau is repairing railings on 4 bridges between Dyers Crossing and Chance Pond Road. This summer we are repairing a different set of 5 bridges between E. Andover and Dyer's Crossing. Chris also reported on further work on the four-pipe culvert just south of Eagle Pond Road in Wilmot.

On ditching and culverts this summer: Repairs to the culvert at Dyer's Crossing in E. Andover; ditching and resurfacing the wet area of the Trail at Agony Hill Road (also in East Andover) as well additional ditching south of the through plate bridge just south of the Potter Place RR station. We will also re-ditch south of Potter Place underpass in Andover, and replace the present culvert under the path to the Trail from the parking lot. The Eagle Pond culvert area will be resurfaced. Will re-clean 3 or 4 culverts above Eagle Pond that we fixed last

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Andover Coffee House

is taking a summer break for July & August We will return Friday, September 21 and will continue through the winter on the third Friday of each month

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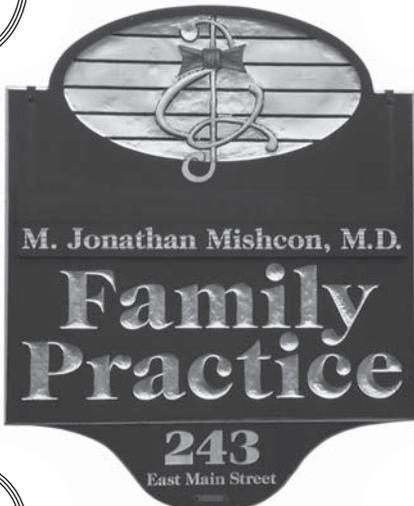
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