

CHATHAM BOROUGH FARMERS' MARKET (CBFM) COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2008

The meeting began at 7:30 in room 212 of Borough Hall, 54 Fairmount Ave. Chatham, NJ

In attendance:

Administrative Market Manager:

Janice Piccolo

Committee Members:

Joe Mikulewicz

Becca Heard

Robert Musorofiti

Nirmala Patni

Michael Dean

Joe Contorno

Martha May

Frانيا Holloway

Janice Perrone

Amy Dziemian

Marion English

Vicky Montana

CBFM Volunteer:

Nicole Sennett

Interested member of the Media (Chatham Courier):

Daniel Jackovino

Introductions were made.

The CBFM Committee Member list was updated. New volunteers need to register with Susan Caljean. The "Application for Appointment to Borough Boards and Commissions and Committees" can be found on the web site under "public notices, news updates."

The 2008 CBFM opens on June 28th and closes on October 25th. The CBFM has also been invited to attend the 2008 Fishawack Festival and anticipates having one farmer at the Festival – Pontano and Sons & Pickle Licious on June 14th.

The new market signs will be assembled by Joe Mikulewicz and Robert Musorofiti.

The different volunteer opportunities were discussed including the need for a "Jersey Fresh Tomato Fest" team to be lead by Amy Dziemian and the need for an enthusiastic co-op advertising liaison.

Participation in the Fourth of July parade was addressed. Perhaps volunteers will walk along side a vintage produce truck.

The budget was reviewed and the new proposed shed was discussed. Members seemed generally pleased to not have to drive the big yellow Borough trucks anymore.

The Jersey Fresh and NJCFC matching funds grants were discussed. The CBFM members will be watching closely to see what happens to the Jersey Fresh program in light of Governor Corzine's proposed cuts to the Dept. of Agriculture.

Most of the vendors that participated in the market last year will be invited back. Two exceptions are 1. Central Valley Cheese due to unreliability of attendance and 2. Coffee Officianado due to lack of follow-through.

Vicky Montana has contacted the owner of Tutti A Tavola on Watchung Ave. He has shown an interest in providing cheese and other food stuffs at the 2008 market and the group is pleased to send him an invitation to join.

The members would like to offer brewed coffee in the mornings at the market. TM Ward did not show an interest in doing this in 2007. The Chatham Bakery will be approached with this idea for 2008.

Joe Mikulewicz and Janice Piccolo attended the last New Jersey Council of Farmers and Communities (NJCFM) meeting and were appointed in the following positions:

Janice R. Piccolo, Vice President

Joe Mikulewicz, Member at Large

The NJCFM is working on a program that will provide the farmers with biodegradable shopping bags to replace the typical disposable plastic bags. The group looks forward to this coming to fruition.

Strike from the minutes.

Resolutions

Meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month (third Thursday in November and December due to holiday scheduling) of 2008 at 7:30pm.

Meeting Schedule: Fourth Thursday of each month*

February 28

March 27

April 24

May 22

June 26

July 24

August 28

September 25

October 23

November 20* (third Thurs)

December 18* (third Thurs)

Group emails will be routed through innercircle.cc that will be set up by Robert Musorofiti.

Robert Musorofiti motioned to pass the CBFM Mission Statement as drafted. Frania Holloway seconded the motion. All in attendance agreed, no one opposed the motion.

March 27 meeting

Farmer Invitation Packets will be reviewed. The Spring Farm Tour will be discussed. Volunteers will sign up for the various positions that need to be filled.