

The Village Co-Op Market of Williamsville Board Meeting Minutes

When: Wednesday, April 17, 2024, | work session 6pm / board meeting 7pm

Where: Amherst Town Hall, Council Chambers, 2nd floor (5583 Main St.) and Zoom videoconferencing

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/3205921689> Meeting ID: 849 7354 6144

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Attendees: Jim Walfrand, Jon Carmen, Jeff Bagel, Mary Ellen Haefner, Isra Jahan, Ryan Duquette, Mark Storch, Steve Schultz, Nancy Corigliano

Board Meeting:

- A. Reading of Mission Statement: Steven Schultz
- B. Approval of minutes from March 20, 2024
 - a. Motion to approve: Nancy Corigliano 2nd: Jon Carmen
 - i. All approve, motion passes.
- C. Updates
 - a. Membership – 1246 Member-Owners
 - b. Established New Committees:
 - i. Grants Committee – Jim Walfrand, Mark Storch
 - 1. Currently, Jim and Mark are exploring what grants are out there. Mark will talk to The Jolly Boys, who are a non-profit community service organization dedicated to serving the youth of Amherst NY through fundraising.
 - ii. GM Recruitment – Mary Ellen Haefner
 - 1. Brian, Nancy, and Mary Ellen met on 4/16 to talk about the options to continue looking for a GM. Job is still hosted on Columinate. Resumes have been coming in. Job posting will now be posted on the newly created LinkedIn account.
 - iii. Design – Mark Storch, Steven Schultz
 - 1. Still refining kitchen and circulation of the store.
 - iv. Tabling and Events Committee – Steven Schultz
 - 1. Farmer's Market starts on May 18. We will be tabling at Island Park.
 - v. Financials – Jim Walfrand
 - 1. Nothing new to report. Waiting to hear back from National Cooperative Park along with the New England Fund.
 - vi. Prospectus / Capital Campaign – Jon Carmen
 - 1. We have \$272k committed out of 2 million dollar goal. We did a survey of our members. We had 96 people out of over 1200 respond. We are going to send out the survey again tonight in hopes of getting more responses.

- vii. Marketing – Jon Carmen
 - 1. Nothing new to report.

D. Questions / Discussion

E. Motion to Adjourn: Jeff Bagel 2nd: Steve Schultz

- i. All approve, motion passes.
- ii. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, **May 15, 2024**; Work Session - 6pm, Board Meeting - 7pm
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