

Mission Statement; To enhance the farm to table experience by offering, from local growers and providers, a diverse selection of seasonally fresh produce and other consumables (meats, eggs, syrups, jams, honey, cider, baked goods) as well as quality hand crafted wearables, décor and gift items to the Webster community and surrounding towns.

BYLAWS

The vendor must make, bake or grow the product he/she sells. Exceptions may be considered. The committee will strive to maintain a balance of products offered to our customers. All baked goods, honey, maple syrup, arts and crafts and other specialty products, must be produced by the vendor him/herself. Farmers will be expected to follow the guidelines set forth by the FMNP rules and regulations (50% of their products offered must have been produced and harvested on farmland owned or leased by them). Information on FMNP or to obtain forms, can be obtained from Jason Blik (585-261-1533).

All farmers must be willing to allow farm visits/inspection of their farm if requested by the committee.

Market season will begin the second Saturday in June and run through and including the last Saturday in October. Market day and hours are **Saturday mornings 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** All vendors are required to stay in place until the designated end time. Vendors must be in place 30 minutes prior to opening time or risk losing their assigned space for that morning. Late arrivals and early departures present a safety issue to customers and other vendors, as well as reflecting poorly on our market as a whole.

Each vendor (seasonal and weekly) is required to carry his/her own liability insurance (**minimum \$1,000,000**) naming **additional insured** as follows:

Webster's Joe Obbie Farmers' Market, Inc. 4948 Rt. 14, Sodus, NY 14551

Our market encourages vendors to charge a price for their product(s) that is fair to themselves as producer, their customers and fellow vendors. No price fixing or gouging will be permitted.

Organic products and labeling must conform to strict compliance with government regulations. Copies of certification are to be kept on file with the market secretary.

All Federal, State and Local licenses and permits will be required. If you are selling meats, cheese, prepared goods, baked goods, nursery stock or other products requiring permits, please provide copies of any required permits/licenses or certificates. Vendors will be responsible for their own tax collection and reporting for all taxable items.

New York State Health Laws prohibit smoking where food is being handled, whether it is the preparation or the sale of food. The market area is defined as the vendor area and the walkway in between.

Emergencies happen but whenever possible, notice of absence should be given 24 hours in advance of market opening by texting or calling Jason or Nell. NOTE: If a vendor fails to provide notice of absence for 3 market days he/she will no longer be considered a vendor and will forfeit the assigned space. No refunds will be issued.

Under extreme weather conditions, at the discretion of the market committee, it may be necessary to postpone, close early or cancel market.

To best utilize customer and vendor parking, the size of spaces and number of vendors will be determined by the committee as directed by our agreements with the property owner and the Town of Webster. Vendors are limited to maximum of two (2) spaces.

All canopies, umbrellas, etc. must be securely anchored/secured at all four (4) points. A 10'x10' tent requires, at minimum, 25# per corner, guidelines can be provided.

Vendors are responsible for all equipment and supplies needed for their displays. Displays and/or signs should be set in a manner that they do not block customer walkways or pose any other hazard to customers and/or fellow vendors.

The market *is carry in – carry out*. Each vendor is responsible for cleaning his/her own spot at the end of each market day.

Two people may occupy the same space. However, both parties must carry his/her own insurance and all necessary licensing/permits. In this case, each individual will be considered a separate vendor with their own voting privileges.

All seasonal and daily spots can be acquired for an amount set annually by the market committee. Weekly spaces will be assigned according to availability.

There will be a planned year-end social/business meeting immediately following the last market day of the season to discuss future market activities/improvements and hold elections. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. Election of committee members will take place annually. In the event that an elected committee member is unable to finish his/her term, the President will appoint someone to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the season. Vendors will be required to attend a minimum of twelve (12) market days to be eligible to vote at the business meetings. (Only one vote per registered vendor). Committee members who are not vendors will have the right to vote. A financial statement will be available to all participating vendors at the conclusion of the season.

Problems and/or complaints should be directed to one of the committee members. Resolutions will be determined by the committee in a fair and timely manner. **All vendors are expected to be courteous and respectful toward fellow vendors and customers, causing no distractions during the market hours. Vendors in violation of this bylaw will be asked to leave the market for the remainder of the season. No refunds will be issued.**

There is no guarantee that a vendor application will be renewed from year to year. Vendors must re-apply prior to each new season. All paperwork must be turned in by the designated date.

The market committee reserves the right to amend these bylaws. Changes will be distributed in writing to vendors in a timely manner.

By turning in a signed market application, it verifies that a vendor has carefully read and understands the bylaws governing the farmers' market and agrees to abide by said bylaws. Vendors found in violation of these bylaws will be asked to leave the market and not return for the remainder of the season. No refunds will be issued.

Jason Blik, President:
Nell Ruedin, Secretary:
Pat Obbie, Trustee:

Morgan Hoven, Vice President
Dan Bauman, Treasurer