

August, 2020

To: Recreation & Parks Commission

Re: Natick Farmers Market

Dear Commission Members,

I am writing to request an extension on the use of the Natick Common for the Natick Farmers Market through the end of October.

During the pandemic, because of the size of the Common, we have been able to space both vendors and customers for social distancing and safety.

Ordinarily we would move to Common Street for the month of October and then move indoors. My concern is that the reduction in space with vendors on both sides of the street would not be as safe as we would like. There is also the matter of people going to the Post Office to mail their ballots and any disruption the market might cause to that activity.

For both these reasons, please consider allowing the market to remain through October 31.

I am aware of the Rosary event on Oct 10<sup>th</sup> and as they have always held it on a Saturday, on the other side of the Gazebo, I feel there would be no conflict or reduction in social distancing.

Please feel free to call me (508-259-9118) with any questions you might have.

Sincerely, Deb Sayre, Market Manager