

## **WTFM Holiday Market**

**Purpose:** To hold two markets in lieu of the traditional weekly Winter Market to allow for vendors opting in to sell their wares and for the community to shop local foods and gifts ahead of the holidays.

**Setting:** Inside the Agricultural Society Hall at 35 Panhandle Rd, from 10AM to 1PM on Saturday 11/20/21 and Saturday 12/18/21. All current BOH regulations around mask wearing, unidirectional traffic flow, availability of sanitizer, and distancing will be followed. (See attached Map.)

**Exposition:** Though the West Tisbury Farmers Market has moved indoors to the MVAS Agricultural Hall each year after Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day each year for at least a decade, and held a weekly Winter Market each Saturday through December 31<sup>st</sup>, there has been no Special Permit authorizing this transition. It has come to our attention that such a Special Permit will be needed to hold indoor markets this year, now that one has been granted to hold the WTFM outdoors at the Agricultural Society Fairgrounds, in order to ensure continuity of enforcement of Zoning Laws.

As we will only be holding two indoor markets this year, and our Special Permit for the market season has expired as of 10/31/21, we request that the ZBA grant an extension of our existing permit to continue our season on these two Saturdays, indoors, for the benefit of our vendors and the community as they go about their holiday shopping. This extension has precedent in the one granted to the WTFM by the ZBA last year during informal discussion at the meeting September 10<sup>th</sup> in adding several weeks to the market's Special Permit to allow for its continuation through October.

Thank you very much for your consideration and accommodation.