



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF CO-OP MEMBER-OWNERS

April 1, 2019

Dear Member-Owners,

We invite you to join us for the 2019 Annual Meeting of Member-Owners, to be held on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 4 PM in the Cummington Community House, 33 Main Street, Cummington, MA 01026.

This annual meeting is a particularly important one and we highly encourage you to attend. We will be discussing the financial position of the Co-Op, which continues to face serious financial challenges that will require discussion with member-owners.

Member-Owners will also elect directors to fill four vacancies on the Co-op's board and ratify a mid-term appointment. This is the first time that the Co-Op has had a competitive election, so your vote is important. Information about the candidates for director may be found on our website at www.oldcreamery.coop, click on the banner at the top of the page. There will be a meet and greet with the candidates on Sunday, April 7th from 3-5pm at the Creamery. You can also meet and talk with the candidates ahead of the annual meeting – starting at 3:30 PM. You may vote in advance of the Annual Meeting by picking a ballot form up at the store or going to that same website link, downloading and printing its ballot form and mailing or delivering it to the Co-op so that it is received by 6:00PM on Friday, April 26, 2019. Ballots will also be available at the meeting for those who have not voted in advance.

At the meeting, Member-Owners may also vote on issues not included on the ballot, but those votes are advisory only. If you won't be at the meeting, you can pick up a proxy form at the store or go to the same link noted above at the Co-op website. The Co-op executed proxy form must be received by 6:00PM on Friday, April 26, 2019. You need not submit a proxy form unless you won't be at the Annual Meeting.

Minutes of last year's Annual Meeting are also available on the website. A vote to accept them will be taken at this year's meeting. Shortly after the conclusion of this year's annual meeting, draft minutes and reports will be posted in the store and on the Co-op's website for your inspection.

We are looking forward to a productive gathering of the Co-op's Member-Owners and hope to see you there. Creamery-made snacks and beverages will be served. If you have any questions about the annual meeting or this notice, please send an email to: board@oldcreamery.coop.

As always, we will welcome your questions and comments at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Lori Holmes, Clerk