



Town of Candia
Agricultural Commission
74 High Street
Candia, New Hampshire 03034

FINAL MINUTES

July 6, 2023

Thursday 7:00 PM

Candia Town Hall

Commission Members present: Chair Matthew Cobb, Tom DiMaggio, Darrel Nafranowicz, Melissa Madden, Ron Howe, Joe Lamarche (arrived 7:19pm). Excused: Robin Vergato.
Commission Alternates present: Debra Cobb, Pattie Davis, Ken Madden.

Call to Order

- *Chair Matthew Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:06PM.
- *Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Commission Members and Alternates.

Public in Attendance

No public attendance.

Regular Business

- ***Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting May 4, 2023.**
-Moved by Tom DiMaggio and seconded by Melissa Madden, passed unanimously.

***Treasurer's Report**

-Treasurer's report was presented with deposits and expenditures for the Farmers Market, with a balance of \$5995.65. Kim has reports broken out by year. Approval of the Treasurer's report was Moved by Melissa Madden and seconded by Tom DiMaggio, passed unanimously.

Old Business

***Candia Farmer's Market (CFM) Update**

- Melissa Madden advised we had an amazing turn out for the June Market. While rain was predicted, the rain held off till 11:45am. 5 vendors did not show. Lobsters sold out. The sandwich guy (JP Eats) went through 9 dozen eggs. Manna& made all the bread for the egg sandwiches. 2 people used the SNAP program. We did not get accepted into the Veterans program. We have new vendors signing up. Ken and Melissa pulled the bushes we needed pulled and cleaned up the library grounds and filled holes. Tom will make up signs for vendor parking, talked about marking vendor cars so we know which are vendors and to follow up and have them move. We need designated customer parking only. Discussed possibly getting help from the boy

scouts if available. Boy scouts in September will be doing knots with the kids, and in October they will be cooking for us. Deerfield's Farmers market is doing well. Angie manages their market and will be one of our vendors in September. Matt Cobb will be sharpening knives in August and September. Judy and Kris helped out with the Community table and Jen will be helping with the Community table in July. Reminder we all need to know the prices. We had 121 people sign up for the "Dinner on Us" Contest. Jacks Honey will not be returning as a vendor. Mr. Henshaw sold out with his honey at the Community Table. We will need bags for the July Market. Next year we will work on getting sponsorship for the Veterans to give them discounts at the Market, maybe in the form of CFM Bucks.

***Lecture Series Ideas**

- Melanie Critchett Gray is interested in doing a presentation on staying healthy in the winter. She also has Elderberry syrup and tick spray for dogs
- Rodent control – possibly on birth control for rats and mice.
- Canning
- Moose in NH – Joint presentation with the library

***Old Home Day**

- Old Home Day is scheduled for August 26th. We reserved 2 booths and as we are a town organization, no payment required. The 2nd booth will be a mini-Farmers Market booth. We are looking for Volunteers. Alex is interested in manning the Farmers Market booth.

***Historic Barn Program**

- Ken Madden had the form for the Barn Program and sign-up sheet at the CFM. No new applicants signed up. In 2024 most of the terms expire. Residents must reapply every 10 years. Of the 10 barns in the program 9 expire in 2024. Ken Madden will be sending out letters with the forms to the 9 residents for reapplication. 25 communities in NH are doing the Barn Program. Ken Madden is looking to expand the number of applicants.

New Business

- A lady in town contacted the Agriculture Committee with a complaint about a neighbor's rooster being too loud and a nuisance. The rooster is located in an agricultural zoned area and the resident was advised it is therefore allowed. They were referred to the State Agriculture Mediation Services should they wish to take the matter further.

- Roland Gerard has old tools he may be interested in donating to the Agriculture Commission.
- New possible alternate - Jeff Wuebbolt is interested.

Public Comment

- No Public comments.

Next Meeting: August 3, 2023, Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment

*Chair Matthew Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:53PM, moved by Melissa Madden, seconded by Tom DiMaggio, all in favor unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by, Darrel Nafranowicz for Robin Vergato, Secretary