



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

FINAL MINUTES

January 4, 2024

Thursday 7:00 PM

Candia Town Hall

Commission Members present: Chair Matt Cobb, Robin Vergato, Tom DiMaggio, Darrel Nafranowicz, Melissa Madden, Ron Howe. Excused: Joe Lamarche.

Commission Alternates present: Debra Cobb, Pattie Davis, Alex Campbell, Richard Ascolillo. Excused: Ken Madden.

Call to Order

*Chair Matt Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

*Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Commission Members and Alternates.

Regular Business

***Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting on December 7, 2023.**

-Moved by Melissa Madden, seconded by Darrel Nafranowicz, passed unanimously.

***Treasurer's Report**

-Treasurer Deb Cobb reported the account balance is \$5,309.93. Deposits were \$373.32.

Approval of the treasurer's report was moved by Tom DiMaggio and seconded by Melissa Madden, passed unanimously.

Public in Attendance

- No Public in attendance.

Old Business

***Farmer's Market**

-Some applications have been submitted for returning vendors for the 2024 Farmer's Market. As of 2/1/24, new vendors can submit applications.

***Lecture Series**

-Wendy Berry from Lasting Legacy Farm will present on Rodent control on 1/9/24 and this will be held at the library. 18 people have responded that they are interested in the event.

-The moose presentation will be held on 2/6/24. There will be two presenters from Fish and Game and there will be no cost to attend. There will be posters for this event.

-There will be a presentation by Marc Notarangelo from Public Health on avoiding ticks in agriculture and there will be no cost to attend. This will be held on 3/5/24 at 7 PM.

-For April there will be a presentation on raising chickens and backyard poultry with presenter Rich Ascolillo.

-For May, a topic is not yet finalized.

***Underdog Movie**

-In February, "Underdog" a movie that focuses on the life of a Vermont dairy farmer, will have a showing. It will be held at the Town Hall. There is a \$99 fee to show the movie, and it is free to the public. There will be a donation jar. Tom DiMaggio will finalize the details.

***Barn Tax Program Update**

-No update.

***End of Year Report**

-The Agricultural Commission end of year report was reviewed, and some revisions were made.

***Upcoming Terms**

- The Agricultural Commission expiring terms for 2024 are: voting members Joe Lamarche and Ron Howe, and alternate Deb Cobb. All would like their terms renewed.

New Business

- "Knowing the Territory Manual" was reviewed and the Agricultural Commission members have the link.

Public Comment

-No Public comments.

Next Meeting: February 1, 2024, Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment:

*Chair Matt Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:40PM, moved by Melissa Madden, seconded by Darrel Nafranowicz, all in favor unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted by,
Robin Vergato, Secretary**