



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

FINAL MINUTES

February 1, 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. Excused: Ken Madden, Richard Ascolillo.

Call to Order

*Chair Matt Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

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

Regular Business

***Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting on January 4, 2023.**

-Moved by Tom DiMaggio, seconded by Melissa Madden, passed unanimously.

***Treasurer's Report**

-Treasurer Deb Cobb reported the account balance is \$5,554.30. Deposits were \$230, there were no debits, and interest was \$14.37. Approval of the treasurer's report was moved by Darrel Nafranowicz and seconded by Tom DiMaggio, passed unanimously.

Public in Attendance

- No Public in attendance.

Old Business

***Farmer's Market**

-The Farmer's Market has 36 vendors already signed up for 2024 and it has been busy with new applications. There is capacity for 46 vendors, and possibly more if needed. The types

of vendors who will be attending were reviewed. It was suggested to try a cooking demo with the vendor food items.

- There will be a flier with a sponsorship form and the 4 tiers for sponsorships included in the boy scouts' packet that is distributed in Candia.

- A focus will be on live music, increasing the advertisements, and improving the Market each month.

- The planning for the 2024 Farmer's Market continues. There is a need for more seating and picnic tables that could have the names of sponsors on them.

- A lot of positive feedback has been received around the Farmer's Market.

- It was suggested to try a sponsorship board. There will be a sponsorship banner again.

***Lecture Series**

- Wendy Berry from Lasting Legacy Farm presented on Rodent control and it was a success with good attendance.

- The moose presentation will be held on 2/6/24 at 6:30PM at the library.

- There will be a presentation by Marc Notarangelo from Public Health on avoiding ticks that will be held on 3/5/24 at 7 PM.

- On 2/10 Saturday at 2PM "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 was a discussion on the link that will be used. There is a capacity of 50 in the room. There will be popcorn and soda. It will be posted on the Agricultural Commission Facebook page and on the NH Farm life page.

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

- Tailwinds offered to do another event and the members decided to skip this year as it has already been done the previous two years.

- A possible topic for next year could be coyotes.

- A possible topic for May could be gardening.

***Barn Program**

- There was no update. Advertising the barn program at the Farmer's Markets is being looked at.

New Business

- The Agricultural Commission flier that includes the Farmer's Market and lecture series information was reviewed and no changes were made.

- The deliberative session will be on 2/3/24 at 9AM and there does not appear to be a lot that relates to agriculture.

- It was suggested that there be a kid's winter event next year supported by the Agricultural Commission. There will be more thought put into this possibility.

- The Agricultural Commission meeting on July 4th will need to be changed due to the holiday. Chair Matt Cobb will investigate another date.

Public Comment

- No Public comments.

Next Meeting: March 7, 2024, Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment:

*Chair Matt Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:02PM, moved by Melissa Madden, seconded by Tom DiMaggio, all in favor unanimously.

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