



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

Final MINUTES

August 1, 2019

Thursday 7:00PM

Candia Town Hall

Commission Members present: Chair Matthew Cobb, Vice Chair June Petrin, Tom DiMaggio, Debbie Graff (arrived at 7:20PM), William Haas, Jenny Tyler. Excused: Jacqueline Wilkins.

Commission Alternates present: Robin Vergato, Debra Cobb, Pattie Davis(arrived at 7:10PM), Dick Snow, Excused: Joe Lamarche.

Call to Order

- Chair Matthew Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.
- Pledge of Allegiance recited by Commission Members and Alternates.

Regular Business

- Acceptance of minutes from July 11, 2019; moved by Tom DiMaggio, seconded by June Petrin, passed unanimously.
- Treasurer's update: No changes.

Old Business

- Updates:
 - Old Home Day on August 24th 8AM-4PM: The Agricultural Commission has a booth and Jacqueline is coordinating. A sign up sheet for volunteers was sent around the table.
 - There was a discussion regarding the Agricultural Commission Facebook site and how to increase interest on the page.
 - There was a discussion around possibly having the Agricultural Commission present at the Deerfield Fair.
 - Fundraising efforts were reviewed and members were encouraged to try to get donations for the Agricultural Commission General Fund.
 - A lengthy discussion was held around having a "Country Living Series" and "How to.....for Agriculture Series". Possible topics could include: soap making, bee keeping, gardening, maple syrup and having specialty speakers. Pattie will submit a post on the Candia Community Awareness Facebook page seeking input regarding topics of interest.

New Business

- A copy of the zoning map was reviewed and discussed.
- There was a discussion regarding the Town's Master Plan and creating a warrant article proposing that an Agriculture Chapter be added. Dick Snow proposes Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission's services be utilized to assist and this will be revisited by the members. The cost for this service was reviewed.
- A discussion was held around changing the Town's definition of Agriculture to RSA 21:34A to make it consistent with state statutes and then present to the Planning Board. A draft of this proposed amendment will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- There was a discussion around the Right to Farm law, including simplifying types of land use and Small Scale vs Large Scale in the Zoning Ordinance.

Other Business

- The Agricultural Commission needs to determine it's proposed operating budget so that it can be presented to The Municipal Budget Committee. After a lengthy discussion, Matthew Cobb moved that the proposed operating budget be \$2,500 and it was seconded by Tom DiMaggio, initially one member abstained and after further discussion, it passed unanimously.
- There was a second discussion around use of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission service in assisting with creation of the proposed Agriculture Chapter for the Town's Master Plan. The quoted cost would be \$4,000 and it was suggested that a warrant article be submitted to the Town requesting money be appropriated towards this cost and this was moved by June Petrin and seconded by Tom DiMaggio, it did not pass unanimously with Jenny Tyler opposed.
- Pattie Davis presented activities for Old Home Day on behalf of Jacqueline Wilkins.
- There was a brief discussion regarding The Agricultural Commission preparing information for the Town Report by early January.

Opportunity for the Public to address the Commission:

- No one from the Public in attendance.

Next Meeting: September 5, 2019 Thursday at 7:00PM

Adjournment

Chair Matt Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:50PM. Motion to adjourn moved by Tom DiMaggio, seconded by June Petrin.

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