

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

FINAL MINUTES

September 5, 2019

Thursday 7:00PM

Candia Town Hall

Commission Members present: Chair Matthew Cobb, Vice Chair June Petrin, Jacqueline Wilkins, Tom DiMaggio, Debbie Graff, William Haas. Excused: Jenny Tyler.

Commission Alternates present: Robin Vergato, Debra Cobb, Dick Snow(arrived at 7:05PM), Joe Lamarche (arrived at 7:15PM), Pattie Davis (arrived at 7:15PM).

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes From Last Meeting

• Unanimously accepted, moved by Tom DiMaggio, seconded by June Petrin.

Opportunity for The Public to Address The Commission

 Marilyn Plummer spoke and recommended emailing to acknowledge those who have completed a mailing list survey.

Treasurers Report

Donations have been received totaling \$225.

Old Business

- Review of Old Home Day
 - Members who were at the Agricultural Commission booth talked with the public.
 Currently 47 people are now on the mailing list.
 - There was a discussion around the need for improved communication amongst members of this Commission around planning future events.
- Discussion of Lecture/Clinic Series
 - Members would like to create fliers/handouts regarding The Agricultural Commission for future events.

- A plan was made to get an Agricultural Commission banner made and withdraw money from the AG Fund for this.
- Kathy Kuhn is scheduled to present on Bee Keeping and Effects on Bees 10/15
 6:30PM- 8:00PM at the Public Library. This will be free to the Public.
- Marilyn Plummer will be presenting on Soap Making 11/14 6:30PM- 9:00PM at The Congregational Church. There will be a maximum of 10 participants with a \$35 fee per person. There will be a wait list sign up sheet for people who would like to participate when this event is held again in the future.
- Possible topics for future events and locations were discussed.
- Pattie Davis will post the events on the AG and Candia Face Book Pages.
- Jacqueline Wilkins will get fliers made for these two scheduled events and email members for preview.
- Discussion of Draft Zoning Amendments
 - Change the definition of Agriculture to RSA 21:34a so that it is constant with the State of New Hampshire Statute.
 - Discussion around Type of Land Use.
- Update on Funding Requests
 - Need to submit a formal request for the \$2,500 budget request.

New Business

• Chair Matthew Cobb attended the Capitol Improvements Plan (CIP) meeting. No further action needed at this time.

Other Business

- If a member wants to be included as a recipient for emails by the Public to The Agricultural Commission, they need to contact the Town Webmaster.
- There is a conference "Agritourism: Building Connection Between Farmers, Customers and Communities" that will be held on 11/4 in Greenland NH- spread the word.

Public Comment

• Sandra Allen in attendance.

Next Meeting: October 3, 2019 Thursday at 7:00PM

Adjournment

Chair Matt Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:28PM.

Respectfully submitted by, Robin Vergato, Secretary