



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

FINAL MINUTES

December 5, 2019

Thursday 6:30PM

Candia Town Hall

Commission Members present: Chair Matthew Cobb, Vice Chair June Petrin, Jenny Tyler, Tom DiMaggio(arrived at 6:35PM), Debbie Graff, William Haas. Excused: Jacqueline Wilkins.
Commission Alternates present: Robin Vergato, Debra Cobb, Dick Snow, Pattie Davis, Joe Lamarche.

Call to Order

- Chair Matthew Cobb called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.
- Pledge of Allegiance recited by Commission Members and Alternates.

Regular Business

- **Approval of Minutes From Last Meeting**
 - Unanimously accepted, moved by William Haas, seconded by June Petrin, passed unanimously.
- **Audio taping meetings to post on Town Website**
 - Unanimously accepted, moved by William Haas, seconded by June Petrin.
- **Draft Minutes from joint meeting with the Planning Board(11/18/19)**
 - Distributed to Agricultural Commission members for review.
- **Treasurers Report**
 - Jenny Tyler will provide a more detailed update regarding Agricultural Commission funds at the next meeting.
 - Jacqueline Wilkins was paid for the AG sign.
 - A check was given to Marilyn Plummer for \$200 for the Soap Making class- she donated the remaining \$150 from this class to the Agricultural Commission.
- **Lecture series**
 - Discussion around funding, providing education to the Town, visibility of The Agricultural Commission.
 - Future events were discussed.

- “Maple Sugaring”: Alden Dill to speak about Large Scale Sugaring. Todd Keating to speak about Backyard Sugaring. This will be held at the Library on 1/16/20.
 - “Be Thankful Farm” will speak about Farming and CSA’s tentatively on 2/20/19.
 - “Raising Chickens” tentatively on 3/19/20.
 - “Planting for Pollinators” presented by a Master Gardener tentatively on 4/16/20.
 - A discussion was held regarding having a sign up sheet for future events, possibly having a donation jar, post on the AG FaceBook Page and request input.
 - 72 people are on the mailing list per June Petrin. Would be beneficial to send updates regarding The Lecture Series: Pattie Davis and Jenny Tyler will work on this.
 - Jacqueline Wilkins has expressed interest in helping Pattie Davis with the Lecture Series.
- **Letter that was sent out regarding Lane Road**
 - There was no response.
 - **Chair Matt Cobb updates**
 - Presented the Warrant Article to The Board of Selectman requesting \$1,000 in financial support for The Agricultural Commission.
 - Attended the recent Planning Board meeting and he provided a brief update.

Opportunity for public to address the board

- No one from the Public attended.

Old Business

- Reappointments for a second term of 3 years of Tom DiMaggio and Jenny Tyler. Moved by William Haas, seconded by Matthew Cobb.

New Business

- **Discussion of Farmer’s Market**
 - The handout “Selling Agriculture Commodities at Farmers Markets” was reviewed.
 - There was a discussion regarding the local Community Farmers Allegiance who has offered to come and speak to The Agricultural Commission.
 - It might be beneficial to have a subcommittee to assist with the development of the Farmers Market.
 - Matthew Cobb will reach out to The Department of Agriculture.
 - Pattie Davis to reach out to the Commissioner of the State of New Hampshire Department of Agriculture.
 - Miss Teen of New Hampshire has expressed interest in the Candia Agricultural Commission. Jenny Tyler will reach out to her.
 - There was a discussion regarding charging for vendors and this will be further explored.
 - There was a discussion regarding connecting with Agriculture based non profits in this area.
- **The Town-wide Yard Sale** held in June would be a way to obtain funds for the Agricultural Commission. There was a discussion around where to store the items for the Yard Sale.
- **Garden for Children at the School**
 - Inquire if there is interest. Jenny Tyler to reach out.
- **AG Day at the School**
 - Matt Cobb will reach out.

Next Meeting: January 2, 2020 Thursday at 6:30PM.

Adjournment

Chair Matt Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:45PM, moved by June Petrin, seconded by Tom DiMaggio, all in favor unanimously.

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