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 6:35 PM), 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 6:30 PM.
- 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