



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

FINAL MINUTES

January 2, 2020

Thursday 6:30PM

Candia Town Hall

Commission Members present: Chair Matthew Cobb(arrived at 6:35PM), Vice Chair June Petrin, Jenny Tyler, Debbie Graff, William Haas, Jacqueline Wilkins. Excused Tom DiMaggio.

Commission Alternates present: Robin Vergato, Debra Cobb(arrived at 6:35PM), Dick Snow, Pattie Davis, Joe Lamarche(arrived at 6:33PM).

Call to Order

- Chair Matthew Cobb called the meeting to order at 6:36PM.
- Pledge of Allegiance recited by Commission Members and Alternates.

Regular Business

- **Approval of Minutes From Last Meeting**
 - Moved by Jacqueline Wilkins, seconded by June Petrin, passed unanimously.
- **Approval of Minutes from joint meeting with Planning Board 11/18/19**
 - Moved by Debbie Graff, seconded by June Petrin, passed unanimously.
- **Treasurers Report**
 - Jenny Tyler provided an update regarding Agricultural Commission funds. There is \$614.57 in the account, \$200 in kind gifts-Joe Lamarche and Jenny Tyler are working on refurbishing these items.

Opportunity for public to address the Board

- Jen Guptill, Erica Jeanes, Ashley and Michael King, and Amy Smith contributed to the discussion around a Candia Farmer's Market.

Old Business

- **Progress of Zoning Amendments**

- There was a Planning Board Public Hearing last month with a discussion of the proposed amendments. There is another Public Hearing 1/3/2020 and Chair Matthew Cobb will try to attend.

- **Status of Upcoming Lecture series**

- “Maple Sugaring”: Alden Dill to speak about Large Scale Sugaring. Todd Keating to speak about Backyard Sugaring and how to tap trees. This will be held at the Library on 1/16/20 and is all set
- “Be Thankful Farm” will speak about How to ready soil and garden planting on 2/20/19 at 6:30PM. Also, there will be a seed exchange at this event.
- “Raising Chickens” tentatively on 3/19/20.
- All Lecture Series will be held on the 3rd Thursday each month at the Library.

- **Preparations for the Town wide yard sale**

- Jenny Tyler has the donated items and any donations related to agriculture are welcome. There was a discussion around where people can drop off donations and the location is to be determined. All proceeds from the items sold at the Town wide yard sale will go towards the Agricultural Commission fund.
- Jenny Tyler will post more information on the Agricultural Commission FaceBook site.
- A motion was made by Debbie Graff for a sign that will cost approximately \$20 for the yard sale and this was seconded by June Petrin, passed unanimously.

- **Further discussion of possible Farmer’s Market**

- Not sure if Tom DiMaggio talked to Candia First Stoppe.
- Matthew Cobb emailed CYAA and there has been no response yet.
- There was a discussion regarding having a subcommittee of interested persons from Candia. Jacqueline Wilkins and Pattie Davis could be the leads for this and the members of The Agricultural Commission would also be involved and offer support.
- Possibly locations were discussed.
- Concerns were raised that insurance likely will be needed.
- Partnering and talking to people who have been involved in other Farmer’s Markets could be beneficial.
- A motion was made by Jenny Tyler to join the NH Farmer’s Market Association, seconded by Debbie Graff, passed unanimously.

- **Agricultural Commission Report for the Annual Town Report**

- Chair Matthew Cobb will create a Draft.
- There was a discussion around creating an Agricultural Commission flier for the Boy Scout’s distribution to the town. Jacqueline Wilkins and Jenny Tyler will Draft a flier and email it to the Agricultural Commission members.
- There were questions around Zoning Amendments and Rural Residential Areas/ Accessory Agriculture/ Best Management Practices/ Warrant Articles, and there was a brief discussion around each.

New Business

- **Review of terms and clarification of alternate's terms**

- There was a discussion regarding terms for alternates and near the end of each term, letters of interest be submitted with recommendations to the Board of Selectman.
- Dick Snow plans to step down as an alternate after April of this year. This will be added to next month's agenda.
- RSA's 674:44-e, 673:1, 673:5, 673:12, 673:16, 674:44-f, 674:44-g were reviewed and discussed.

Public Comment

- No more comments

Next Meeting: February 6, 2020 Thursday at 6:30PM.

Adjournment

Chair Matt Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:00PM, moved by Jacqueline Wilkins, seconded by Debbie Graff, all in favor unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,
Robin Vergato, Secretary