



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

FINAL MINUTES

November 5, 2020

Thursday 6:30PM

**Candia Town Hall
And Via Zoom**

Commission Members present: Chair Matthew Cobb, Vice Chair June Petrin, Robin Vergato, Tom DiMaggio.

Excused: Jenny Gardner, William Haas, Jacqueline Wilkins.

Commission Alternates present: Debra Cobb, Richard Snow, Ron Howe, Joe Lamarche. Excused: Pattie Davis.

Call to Order

- Chair Matthew Cobb called the meeting to order at 6:33PM.
- Pledge of Allegiance recited by Commission Members and Alternates.

Public in Attendance

- No Public attended.

Old Business

- **Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting on October 1, 2020**
 - Moved by Tom DiMaggio, seconded by June Petrin, passed unanimously.
- **Update on Zoning Amendments**
 - Matthew Cobb attended the Planning Board meeting, and they are amenable to moving forward with the amendment for the Warrant Article that did not pass to get rid of the 2-acre minimum. The next Public Hearing will be at the Planning Board meeting on November 18th.
- **Update on Membership**
 - Jenny Tyler still wants to continue her position.
 - Joe Lamarche is at this meeting.

- William Haas plans to tender his resignation.
- A new voting member will need to be selected. First opportunity should be given to Alternates. Joe Lamarche and Ron Howe expressed interest and Pattie Davis can let Chair Matthew Cobb know if she is also interested. Further discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.
- **Update on Virtual Clinics**
 - Tom DiMaggio discussed a virtual sled dog clinic he attended.
 - There was a discussion around a virtual clinic versus a virtual class/ lecture series. No updates from Jacqueline Wilkins or Pattie Davis. It is possible to record the virtual event and put it on the Town Website and/or AG Facebook page.
- **Update on Farmer's Market**
 - Pattie Davis would like help with this, and she sent out a post on Facebook looking for people interested in resuming meetings. June Petrin will reach out to Pattie Davis for an update. There was a discussion around the possibility of an album being posted on the AG Facebook page that people could click on to obtain further information about what participating vendors are selling. This would be more like a Virtual Farmer's Market.
 - Ron Howe stressed that there should be Vegetable Growers participating in the Farmer's Market. Having a list of potential vendors for the Farmer's Market will be needed. The Farmer's Market could be expanded beyond Candia to include other surrounding Towns.

New Business

- **Natural Resources Inventory**
 - Richard Snow discussed that the Conservation Commission is in the process of doing the 10th year update of the Natural Resources Inventory. An overlay of Zoning maps/plots on the map of Agricultural Resources would be beneficial. NHCC has their annual meeting coming up and Richard Snow is a member. He will try to gather more information about the NRI and how it could relate to the Agricultural Commission. The Conservation Commission will be meeting on November 17th and Agricultural Commission members are encouraged to attend.
- **Southern NH Planning Commission**
 - They sent out a letter about things they are working on and Chair Matthew Cobb briefly discussed. Richard Snow is a member of the Southern NH Planning Commission.
- **Boy Scouts Annual Distribution**
 - There was a discussion around organizing a handout for people to let the Agricultural Commission know what type of Agricultural resources they have and build a database. The Agricultural Facebook page could also be used to gather this information.
- **List of Agricultural Members and Annual Report**
 - Chair Matthew Cobb will do a Draft for next meeting.

Public Comment

- No comments.

Next Meeting: December 3, 2020 Thursday at 6:30PM.

Adjournment

Chair Matthew Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:15PM, moved by June Petrin and seconded by Tom DiMaggio, all in favor unanimously.

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