



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

FINAL MINUTES

January 7, 2021

Thursday at 6:30PM

**Via Zoom and
Candia Town Hall**

Commission Members present: Chair Matthew Cobb, Vice Chair June Petrin, Robin Vergato, Tom DiMaggio, Jenny Gardner. Excused: Jacqueline Wilkins.

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

Call to Order

- Chair Matthew Cobb called the meeting to order at 6:40PM.
- Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Commission Members and Alternates.

Public in Attendance

- No Public attended.

Old Business

- **Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting on December 14, 2020**
 - Moved by June Petrin, seconded by Robin Vergato, roll call vote-passed unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - There is currently \$1,600 in the Agricultural Commission account.
- **Farmer's Market**
 - Those interested in helping to plan for a Farmer's Market are encouraged to participate in future Zoom planning meetings.
 - Being outdoors will allow for social distancing if it is held this summer.

- Would likely be held once per month in the summer at the Library. It could possibly be held on the same day as Museum events.
 - Would likely be smaller scale to start.
 - Matthew Cobb will talk to a Pattie Davis to get more updates regarding where the Planning for the Farmer's Market is at.
- **Review of Technology**
 - Tom DiMaggio spoke to a video conferencing person who said they set up everything on a Facebook group. The seller can sign up and have their own link showing what they want to sell and the buyer can click on the link to purchase the item. People can also click on links to listen to a seminar speaker. There were positive comments around the use of this Facebook process. A fee was charged for vendors to be a part of this two day event. Facebook could be used for selling/buying items for the Farmer's Market.
 - June Petrin raised the idea that using Facebook loses the "agriculture feel" for a Farmer's Market. She feels that on-line would be better suited for the lecture series.
- **Lecture Series**
 - Possible topics could include: Rearing Chicks, Manure Management and Best Practices, Permaculture Gardening. Matthew Cobb will get in touch with the NH Department of Agriculture or Environmental Services. Jenny Gardner will check with several people she knows. Tom DiMaggio cannot do the Sled Dog lecture at this time due to the Pandemic because it is "hands on".

New Business

- **Upcoming Terms for 2021**
 - William Haas's term ends in March this year. Matthew Cobb will ask the Board of Selectman for Ron Howe to serve a three year term to fill the empty term. Moved by Tom DiMaggio, seconded by June Petrin, roll call vote- passed all in favor unanimously. Jacqueline Wilkins's term also ends in 2021- Matthew Cobb will check in with her to see if she wants to continue for another term.
 - There are two Alternate terms ending in 2021- Debra Cobb and Joe Lamarche, both want to continue for another term. A motion was made by June Petrin for both to continue in another 3 year term, seconded by Tom DiMaggio, roll call vote- passed all in favor unanimously. Matthew Cobb to submit letters to the Board of Selectman.
 - There are still two Alternate positions open. An alternate who has experience with Forestry would add diversity. Members will reach out to those that they think might be interested in becoming an Alternate.

Public Comment

- No Comments.

Next Meeting: February 4, 2021 Thursday at 6:30PM.

Adjournment

- Chair Matthew Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:23PM, moved by June Petrin and seconded by Robin Vergato, all in favor unanimously.

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