



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

FINAL MINUTES

April 1, 2021

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Via Zoom and
Candia Town Hall**

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

Commission Alternates present: Debra Cobb, Pattie Davis, Joe Lamarche(arrived at 7:20PM), Ron Howe.

Call to Order

*Chair Matthew Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

*Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Commission Members and Alternates.

Public in Attendance

*Darrel Nafranowicz in attendance as an interested observer. Cody Wood suggested advertisement at each stand at the Farmer's Market to show if vendor products are from Candia with name/contact information.

Old Business

***Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting on March 4, 2021**

-Moved by Tom DiMaggio, seconded by June Petrin, roll call vote-passed, Ron Howe abstained.

***Status of Appointments**

-No response yet from the Board of Selectman regarding appointments for Joe Lamarche, Darrel Nafranowicz, and Ken Madden.

***Status of Zoning Amendment Vote**

-Small scale part-time was changed to accessory use without the 2-acre minimum and passed on March 9th.

***Update on Farmer's Market**

-Several applications have been submitted. There has been a lot of interest, including from outside of Candia. The banner will be finalized. There are not a lot of volunteers yet and we will need volunteers for each day it is held. Maybe some non-profits can help? The first day of the Farmer's Market will need extra volunteers, perhaps 5 or 10. Each volunteer will get a t-shirt that they can keep. Vendor products should be local, from NH, and self-made/grown. There is room for 36 vendors.

-Vendor rules and limitations were discussed pertaining to interested vendors. There was a discussion around what various vendors will be bringing.

-Advertising in the weekly Market Bulletin can be done. There is a possibility that there will be a lot of people who attend. Recruiting lead vendors from the area can be done.

-One person expressed Covid-19 concerns. All NH Covid-19 protocols will be observed i.e. masks will be recommended, booths will be 6 feet apart. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available.

-There was a discussion around amending rules due to vendor requests. This will be revisited after the June and July Markets.

-Pattie Davis motioned to allow commercial vendors in September and set aside a designated area for them and list as commercial, on a trial basis, seconded by Ron Howe, roll call vote-passed unanimously.

-An email from Richard Snow was discussed.

-There was a discussion around where designated parking will be and having signs to mark these areas.

-Vendor booths will be assigned 2 weeks before.

***Zoom Lecture Update**

-Janice Connor will be doing a talk April 27, at 7PM about Best Management Practices and Manure Management. A Zoom platform will need to be finalized. It will be beneficial to post on the AG Face Book page and on Town website to ask for questions in advance. Chair Matt Cobb has offered to cover the cost.

***Update on Seed Library**

-Chair Matt Cobb talked to Linda Thomas who is at tonight's meeting. There was a discussion about how to obtain seeds.

-The Town Librarian, Heidi, is interested in the Library being used for this and she has more information about seed libraries. Heidi offered to work on a brochure.

-The seed library was discussed at the Garden Club and they had several questions.

-It was suggested that several people get together to focus on the goals of the seed library etc. A query can be sent out to local Librarians to obtain more information around seed libraries.

-Chair Matt Cobb will talk with the Town Librarian to arrange a meeting time for those interested in having a seed library and Linda Thomas will let the Garden Club know when it is being held.

New Business

***Update from Treasurer**

- Debra Cobb is looking into getting more information.

***HB111**

-Information about this House Bill was sent by the Building Inspector and it was discussed. Further discussion would be needed if this Bill passes.

***Review of letter submitted to the Agricultural Commission**

-Vendors will need to be aware of the Farmer's Market rules. There is a list available for vendors listing food products.

Public Comment

-No Public comments.

Next Meeting: May 6, 2021 Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment

*Chair Matthew Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:22PM, moved by Tom DiMaggio, seconded by Jenny Gardner, all in favor unanimously.

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