



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

FINAL MINUTES

May 6, 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. Excused: Jenny Gardner.

Commission Alternates present: Debra Cobb, Pattie Davis(arrived at 7:11PM). Excused: Joe Lamarche, 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.

Regular Business

***Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting on April 1, 2021**

-Moved by Tom DiMaggio, seconded by June Petrin, roll call vote-passed unanimously.

***Treasurer's Report**

-Debra Cobb reported outgoing \$240 for the Farmer's Market volunteer t-shirts. The Agricultural Commission account has \$1,474.02 in it. There is incoming money from the Farmer's Market vendors.

Old Business

***Update on Farmer's Market**

-June Petrin reported that an application for a \$500 grant to help fund the Farmer's

Market was submitted. June Petrin and Pattie Davis provided updates. Advertising is being done, including ads in the Market Bulletin, local websites etc. Music/live entertainment to have in the background is being looked into. Money will be needed for Covid related items i.e. masks. 11 vendors have confirmed. There will be a Master Gardener booth. Possible additional vendors were discussed. Vendors can market their business. Some potential vendors have already committed to other Markets. There could be a table for monthly experts with a banner to help identify them.

***Membership Update**

-The Board of Selectman will discuss on Monday, appointments for Joe Lamarche, Darrel Nafranowicz, and Ken Madden. If all are approved, there will be one alternate position open.

***Update on Seed Library**

- Seeds are in the envelopes. The Garden Club will be set up at the Library and have seeds ordered. Seeds will be at the Master Gardener's booth at the Farmer's Market.

- Tom Dimaggio spoke with Lowe's to see what they will have available to donate at the end of the year.

***Update on the Best Management Practices for Manure Management Lecture**

-Janis Conner presented and it was a good talk, but not a lot of attendance. Richard Snow will distribute BMP handouts to the participants. There is a Manure Exchange on the Department of Agriculture website. Other possible Lecture topics were discussed. A license for webinars will cost \$40 per month.

New Business

***Town Wide Yard Sale**

-Will be held on June 12th. Matthew Cobb will check with Jenny Gardner and Joe Lamarche to see what items have been donated to the Agricultural Commission. Donations are still being accepted. Location for the Agricultural Commission items still needs to be determined.

-There was a further discussion around possible Lecture Series topics i.e. "How to keep foxes and coyotes off your property", a Fish and Game representative. Perhaps a Forester could be at one of the Farmer's Markets. Matthew Cobb offered to have a table with information for the August Farmer's Market.

Public Comment

-No Public comments.

Next Meeting: June 3, 2021 Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment

*Chair Matthew Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:06PM, moved by June Petrin, seconded by Tom Dimaggio, all in favor unanimously.

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