



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

FINAL MINUTES

June 3, 2021

Thursday 7:00 PM

Via Zoom and Candia Town Hall

Commission Members present: Chair Matthew Cobb, Vice Chair June Petrin, Jenny Gardner, Tom DiMaggio, Ron Howe, Joe Lamarche (arrived 7:28). Excused: Robin Vergato.

Commission Alternates present: Debra Cobb, Pattie Davis, Darrel Nafranowicz. Excused: Ken Madden.

Call to Order

*Chair Matthew Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

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

Public in Attendance

*No Public attended.

Regular Business

***Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting on May 6, 2021**

-Delayed until next meeting when sufficient members are present.

***Treasurer's Report**

-Debra Cobb will update this report next month after confirmation with Donna Becker.

Old Business

***Membership Update**

-The Board of Selectman have approved the appointments for Joe Lamarche as a voting member, and Darrel Nafranowicz and Ken Madden as alternates. There is now one alternate position open. Cody Woods has expressed interest. April Holmes is also a possible interested party.

***Update on Farmer's Market**

-Patti Davis has ordered the signs, a single ten-foot-tall sign for the entrance and 6 corrugated signs to be set up the night before. June Petrin will share a flyer we can all print to share. June Petrin will also have sandwich boards prepared to be set up on Friday night. Pattie Davis will be in charge of the town table/commission booth, with the Agricultural commission receiving 20% of the profits.

-Volunteers for the June 19th Farmers Market are Matthew Cobb, Tom DiMaggio, Jenny Gardner, Pattie Davis, and Darrel Nafranowicz, all to arrive by 7:30am for set up. Vendors are to have their booths ready by 8:45am for a 9am start. Vendor parking will be in the school parking lot. Pattie Davis contacted the school for parking arrangements.

-Sidney will be playing acoustical guitar for background music in June. Further background Music/live entertainment is being explored for future markets.

-Additional monthly experts are being secured for remaining markets. Tom DiMaggio is working with the CCC to arrange for a booth in July.

- Joe Lamarche and Jenny Gardner are making door prizes (presence not required to win).

-Ron Howe has a restored John Deere Tractor he hopes to be able to have out front to further draw in customers.

***Town Wide Yard Sale**

- We do not have sufficient items to participate this year. Our focus will be on agriculturally related items for next year's sale.

***Seminars**

-Dick Snow is looking into conducting interviews at the Farmers Market.

- Matthew Cobb advised he has contacted various professionals dealing with predators, foresters and chickens. However due to the busy summer month we will wait till fall for greater attendance. Look into holding live seminars at the library.

New Business

***Memorial For Dennis Lewis.**

- The CCC is seeking input from the various boards in town regarding a memorial for Dennis Lewis. The Women's club has a bench that is to be engraved, and was considering putting it on a town trail.

-It was felt that the pond behind the library was an appropriate spot for the bench and Dick Snow mentioned that is town property which could be name "Dennis Lewis Pond Park".

-Ron Howe advised Dennis Lewis was well known for his stone walls. The beautiful stone wall in front of the Court house was built by Dennis Lewis and plaque on the wall commemorating Dennis Lewis would be a befitting memorial. The property is owned by Ron Severino. He would need to be contacted.

***Land Use Survey**

-The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) has requested the Agricultural commission complete a survey identifying what topic are of interest to the commission, additional tools they could provide to assist our board and how they can help. Matthew Cobb will complete the survey.

Public Comment

-No Public comments.

Next Meeting: July 1, 2021 Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment

*Chair Matthew Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:06PM, moved by Tom DiMaggio, seconded by Joe Lamarche, all in favor unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted by,
Darrel Nafranowicz, on behalf of Robin Vergato, Secretary**