



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

**FINAL MINUTES**

**July 1, 2021**

**Thursday 7:00 PM**

**Candia Town Hall**

Commission Members present: Chair Matthew Cobb, Vice Chair June Petrin, Tom DiMaggio, Ron Howe, Joe Lamarche (arrived 7:08). Excused: Jenny Gardner, Robin Vergato.

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

**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**

\*No Public attended.

**Regular Business**

**\*Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting on June 3, 2021**

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

**\*Treasurer's Report**

-Debra Cobb reported income of \$1030.00 from the Farmers Market, including the Farm Credit East \$250 grant. The Agricultural Commission account has a balance of \$2054.14. There was an additional profit of \$209.00 from the Agricultural Commission Community table at the Farmers Market not yet deposited into the account.

**Old Business**

**\* Farmer's Market Wrap Up**

-The Farmers Market was well received. A thank you has been sent out to all our vendors. Vendors have signed up for additional months. We have other vendors interested. We are currently looking for a baker. An ad was sent out on Facebook and as a result there have

been multiple responses. The Garden club is set to come back in the fall. The Candia Conservation Commission will have a booth in July. Tom DiMaggio reported John O'Neil will have a Forrester present in July. Tom DiMaggio is also working on getting someone from Bear Brook State Park for either August or September. June will be sending out a post of expected vendors.

- The library is not in favor of using their bathroom; there is a port-a-potty available across the street at the park.

- The Farm Credit East \$250 grant is to be used for additional signs which Patti Davis will handle order/purchase, including a recommended sign "Farmers Market Information". Tom DiMaggio recommends additional direction and signage for parking and to direct vehicles to the rear parking lot away from the library with saw horses and yellow tape and PARKING signs.

- June Petrin asked for a volunteer to be in charge of Farmers Market signs to be placed around town early in the week and to be removed after the market. Debra Cobb and Matthew Cobb volunteered. Patti Davis will maintain control of the sandwich board signs.

- The Garden Club will provide 3 volunteers for the July 17<sup>th</sup> Farmers Market. We will need extra volunteers to help set up in the morning and help tear down at noon. All volunteers are 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.

- Kaylee with Cobalt Blues & Mannequin Band will be providing background music in July. Further background Music/live entertainment is being explored for future markets.

- A petting zoo was proposed for August.

- It is recommended that vendors have pre measured/packed food items to avoid the need for a scale.

- Additional monthly experts are being secured for remaining markets. Roland Girard was mentioned for his expertise on unique and old farm tools.

- Carl Pierson donated a horse drawn cultivator that Joe Lamarche is currently storing. We can use that along with Ron Howe's John Deere tractor as an attraction for the Farmers Market.

#### **\*Alternate Position**

- There is one alternate position still open. Matthew Cobb reached out to both Cody Woods and April Holmes without a response thus far, he will follow up with Cody. Matthew Cobb asked June to post the open position on the webpage/Facebook page.

### **New Business**

#### **\*Old Home Days**

- Old Home Days is August 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration is required by 8-1-21. The Agricultural Commission attended 2 years ago and shared a booth with the Garden Club as the Agricultural Commission was very new at the time. The Agricultural Commission will sign up for their own booth. The Agricultural Commission will have a committee of three (Tom DiMaggio, Joe Lamarche, and Ken Madden) arrange to organize and prepare for the event. Tom DiMaggio recommended a brochure outlining what we are, our purpose/mission, with pictures from various activities/seminars and the Farmer's Market. Recommendations made for handouts on Best Management Practices, winter lecture series and promotions of the Farmers Market.

- Roland Girard was mentioned as someone to talk about farming equipment and tools and Matthew Cobb to discuss veterinary supplies/tools with questions and answers and prizes.

Recommended we reach out to Tractor Supply, Agway and Radio Grove for donation of gift certificates as prizes.

- The horse drawn cultivator donated by Carl Pierson can be used as an attraction. Also discussed setting up a hay bale with a saddle for the kids to take pictures.

-The committee will report back to the Agricultural Commission on August 5th with their plans and any assistance they need.

**\*Return to in person meetings**

-A brief discussion regarding returning to in person meetings was met with no opposition. Moved by Tom DiMaggio, seconded by Joe Lamarche, all in favor unanimously.

**Public Comment**

-No Public comments.

**Special Note**

**\*Bee Thankful Farm**

-Patti Davis asked that the Agricultural Commission write into the minutes a special THANK YOU to Nick and Carol Karakoudas of Bee Thankful Farm for their generosity and support of our first Farmers Market with their most amazing donation of fresh strawberries. Motion was moved by June Pertin, seconded by Tom DiMaggio, all in favor unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** August 5, 2021 Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment

\*Chair Matthew Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:25PM, moved by Tom DiMaggio, seconded by Ron Howe, all in favor unanimously.

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