



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

FINAL MINUTES

August 5, 2021

Thursday 7:00 PM

Candia Town Hall

Commission Members present: Chair Matthew Cobb, Robin Vergato, Tom DiMaggio, Ron Howe, Joe Lamarche (arrived 7:10PM). Excused: Vice Chair June Petrin, Jenny Gardner.

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

Call to Order

*Chair Matthew Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:06PM.

*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 July 1, 2021**

-Moved by Ron Howe, seconded by Tom DiMaggio, passed unanimously.

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

-Moved by Tom DiMaggio, seconded by Robin Vergato, passed unanimously.

***Treasurer's Report**

-Debra Cobb reported income of \$105. The Agricultural Commission account has a balance of \$2,383.48. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was moved by Tom DiMaggio, seconded by Joe Lamarche, passed unanimously.

Old Business

* Farmer's Market Update

-Pattie Davis provided updates. The July profit was \$339.00. She reviewed outstanding expenses of \$207.00 (flags, signs, berry containers). \$102 was left in the cash box for change at the August Market. New Vendor deposits of \$75 and \$30 were deposited with Donna Becker. Reusable bags will be ready for the August Market- 250 bags are being made for a cost of \$365. A banner sign for the community table is being ordered. There will be follow up with the 3 vendors who did not show for July.

-New vendors were discussed. There will be a new vendor (Baking beans). There was a request by a new maple vendor, and it was suggested that they can apply next season as the Farmer's Market already has a maple vendor.

-The Garden Club is paying for a booth.

-The next Farmer's Market will be on the same day as Deerfield Old Home Day.

-There was a discussion around where to locate the signs and what days to put them up. Ken Madden offered to help. It was suggested that next year the signs have larger print so that they will be easier to read and more visible.

-There was a discussion around having an information booth for the Granite State Graziers. There is interest in having Bear Brook come in September to have them talk about their park.

-There was a discussion around placing an ad for the Farmer's Market in the Neighborhood News on the Wednesday before the Market is held. Pattie Davis will investigate this.

-It was highlighted that the Farmer's Market would benefit from having locally grown vegetables. Two vegetable growers should be coming to the next Market.

-Volunteers for the August Farmer's Market were confirmed.

New Business

*Old Home Days

-Old Home Days is August 28th. The booth has been confirmed. Tom DiMaggio put together a sample brochure outlining what the Agricultural Commission is, its purpose/mission and suggested pictures be added from various actives/seminars and the Farmer's Market. The brochures will need to be completed and then printed. There will be up to \$200 available to make the brochures. There will be some handouts on Best Management Practices and free seeds available.

-There was a discussion on items needed i.e., pop up table/sign and volunteers were confirmed to help with the booth for the event.

- Roland Girard was again mentioned as someone to talk about farming equipment and tools and Matthew Cobb will call to follow up. Matthew Cobb will be available for the event to discuss veterinary supplies/tools with questions and answers/prizes. It is still 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. Ron Howe plans to display his tractor if there is room near the booth.

-There will be Candia Farmer's Market reusable bags available for a donation.

-A suggestion was made to have individually wrapped candy i.e., honey sticks at the table.

***Operating Budget**

-Richard Snow raised that perhaps an operating budget needs to be submitted by the Agricultural Commission in September. There was a discussion that the Agricultural Commission is funded by Warrant Article. Matthew Cobb will get clarification.

***Lecture Series**

-Planning will be on hold until after the Farmer's Market has ended for the year.

***Member and Alternate Positions**

-Jenny Gardner has submitted her resignation. This creates an open position for a voting member. One of the current alternates if interested, can move up. There is one alternate position still open.

Public Comment

-No Public comments.

Next Meeting: September 2, 2021, Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment

*Chair Matthew Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:15PM, moved by Tom DiMaggio, seconded by Ron Howe, all in favor unanimously.

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