



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

FINAL MINUTES

October 7, 2021

Thursday 7:00 PM

Candia Town Hall

Commission Members present: Chair Matthew Cobb, Vice Chair June Petrin, Robin Vergato, Tom DiMaggio, Joe Lamarche. Excused: Ron Howe.

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

Call to Order

*Chair Matthew Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

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

Public in Attendance

Two people in attendance interested in becoming an Alternate.

Regular Business

***Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting on September 2, 2021**

-Moved by Joe Lamarche, seconded by Tom DiMaggio, passed unanimously.

***Treasurer's Report**

-Debra Cobb reported that there is balance of \$2,888.96 in the Agricultural Commission bank account. There was \$175.00 income from the last Farmer's Market.

Old Business

***Farmer's Market Update**

-The September Farmer's Market was not as busy as the previous Markets. There was a community table and a few new vendors. Next week is the last Farmer's Market for this year. Ads promoting the Farmer's Market were placed in the Neighborhood News, and Weekly Market Bulletin, along with posts on the Agricultural Commission Facebook page. The Farmer's Markets that were held this year will be reviewed at the next Agricultural Commission meeting.

-Rolande Girard will be at the next Farmer's Market and available to identify Antiques. Matt will have a pop up and table available to use.

-Tom DiMaggio made two calls to Bear Brook and has not heard back from the Park Manager. The Farmer's Market has room if they come.

-There was a discussion around future Farmer's Markets inviting 4H or Future Farmer's of America to attend. The Farmer's Markets could have a booth for a youth organization each month and they could distribute literature about their organization and/or display their projects.

-There was a review of who puts up the Farmer's Market signs several days prior to the event. Ideas and suggestions were raised around how the community table might function more efficiently. Fliers to give to vendors thanking them for attending and looking forward to next year, at the last Farmer's Market were discussed. Pattie Davis will design, and June Petrin will print them.

-The Farmer's Market will need to get on the NH Farmer's Market listing and Pattie Davis and June Petrin will investigate this.

***Lecture Series for Winter 21-22**

-Christine Schadler from the New England Coyote project will be presenting at the 11/9/21 lecture to be held at the Library at 7:00pm. There is a \$200 sponsor for this event. There will be a flier for this Lecture at the last Farmer's Market and information will be posted on the Town website.

-Greg Jordan will be presenting about small woodlot management and Emerald Ash Borers at the January lecture which will be held on 1/11/22, with a backup day of 1/18/22.

-Other possible topics for the lecture series were discussed: Jane Kelly to talk about Falcons and their link with agriculture, whom Matt reached out to, and someone to talk about composting.

***Commission Membership**

- Chair Matt Cobb submitted a letter of interest to the Board of Selectman requesting Darrel Nafranowicz move up to a voting member and Cody Wood be appointed as an alternate. The Board of Selectman will review at their next meeting.

-Two members of the Public attended and expressed interest in becoming alternates. David Bowie and Heidi Bothwell each discussed their background related to Agriculture and reasons that they would like to become an alternate.

-If the letters of interest reviewed by the Board of Selectman are approved, there will be one alternate position still open.

New Business

***Facebook Page**

-June Petrin would like more Agricultural Commission members to be managers of the page. It is the hope that more regular posts can help bring more attention and interest to the page.

***Town Open House Night**

-The CYAA is having a meet and greet Thursday 10/21/21 6:00-8:00 PM for any members of the Town Boards/Organizations so that people can learn more about what each one does. The Agricultural Commission will have a table, banner, and fliers for this event.

***Planning Board Public Hearing**

-The proposed Warrant Article regarding a Zoning Amendment for large gatherings in Town was reviewed as it could impact the Farmer's Markets. Chair Matt Cobb will check with Rudy Cartier to gather more information.

Public Comment

-No Public comments.

Next Meeting: November 4, 2021, Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment

*Chair Matthew Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:00PM, moved by Joe Lamarche, seconded by June Petrin, all in favor unanimously.

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