

Town of Candia Agricultural Commission

74 High Street Candia, New Hampshire 03034

FINAL MINUTES

December 2, 2021

Thursday 7:00 PM

Candia Town Hall

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

Commission Alternates present: Debra Cobb, Cody Wood. Excused Ken Madden, Pattie Davis.

Call to Order

- *Chair Matthew Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.
- *Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Commission Members and Alternates.

Public in Attendance

*Two individuals interested in becoming alternates attended.

Regular Business

*Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting on November 4, 2021

-moved by June Petrin, seconded by Darrel Nafranowicz, all in favor unanimously.

*Treasurer's Report

-No treasures report was presented.

Old Business

*Lecture Series

-November's lecturer Christine Schadler from the New England Coyote Project presented on 11/9/21. The lecture was well received; Ms. Schadler is an excellent presenter. The zoom link did not have audio and Dick Snow has provided further input and clarification for future lectures.

- -January's lecture with Forester, Greg Jordan, is set for 1/11/2022 at 7:00pm. Mr. Jordan's presentation will be 1 hour in length, with ½ hour focused on small woodlot management and ½ hour focused on Emerald Ash Borers. June Petrin will put together advertising for the presentation.
 - -February's lecture is on the subject of Invasive Species. Doug Cygna will be presenting.
- Future lecture series proposed include the subject of composting, and food preservation methods. Cody Wood has a contact at UNH, Elaina Enzien, regarding composting. Contact has been made with a presenter on canning and food preservation. It was discussed that attendees would likely benefit from a zoom/video presentation which would also allow the presenter to be able to provide demonstrations.
 - -Dick Snow recommended starting a library of a video lecture series.

*Open Alternate Position

-Two members of the public expressed interest in the available alternate position. Heidi Bothwell and David Bowie both attended the meeting and renewed their interest in the position. Sufficient members were present (both voting member and alternates) to vote on a recommendation for the alternate position. June Petrin made the recommended the matter go to vote to avoid any further delay in filling the position. June Petrin moved to appoint Heidi Bothwell as alternate, seconded by Debra Cobb, all in favor unanimously.

New Business

*Upcoming Membership Terms

- Membership terms are three years; there is no term limit. Four members terms end in March 2022; Matt Cobb, June Petrin, Robin Vergato, and Pattie Davis. Commission asks they advise by next month their intensions of renewing for another term.

*Year end Report

- Annual report is due early January 2022. Matt Cobb will complete the report.

*Boy scout Flyer

-Flyer we be prepared covering both the Agricultural Commission and the Farmers Market. Will be due by February.

Public Comment

-David Bowie asked if there had been any determination regarding charitable donations. Matt Cobb advised there is some leeway for a Town Committee to form a 501C3 organization. Without that we cannot take charitable contributions. Overall, there was no additional interest expressed in further discussion on this topic.

Next Meeting: January 6, 2022 Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment

*Chair Matthew Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:40PM, moved by Darrel Nafranowicz, seconded by Cody Wood, all in favor unanimously.

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