

Town of Candia Agricultural Commission

74 High Street Candia, New Hampshire 03034

FINAL MINUTES

March 3, 2022 Thursday 7:00 PM Candia Town Hall

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

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

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

Three people from the Public in attendance. Meg Moranz and Hannah Withee spoke about Moore School Agriculture Day.

Regular Business

*Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting on February 3, 2022.

-Moved by June Petrin, seconded by Darrel Nafranowicz, passed unanimously.

*Treasurer's Report

-There is balance of \$2,291.22 in the Agricultural Commission bank account. There was a deposit of \$255.00 from the Farmer's Market applications and Debits for the Boy Scout flyers. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was moved by Darrel Nafranowicz, seconded by June Petrin, passed unanimously.

Old Business

*Moore School Agriculture Day

-Meg Moranz and Hannah Withee provided information around their involvement in Past Agriculture Days at the Moore School and gave details around how it is run/schedule/children attending will be K-8th grade. They are hoping to partner with the Agricultural Commission for this event that will be held on May 26, 2022, with a rain date of May 27, 2022. Meg Moranz has a contact list and will add/update as information is provided to her.

-There was a discussion around presenters and volunteers are needed. Lunch is provided. Meg Moranz will email Chair Matt Cobb with the current list of presenters. Possible subjects for presenters were discussed i.e., Cows, sheep, draft animals, petting animals, lumber, pond life, old tractor displays, turtles, Garden Club, gardening, butterfly display, herbalist.

*Lecture Series:

- -3/8/22 at 7PM is the roundtable discussion on Poultry by Leanne Miner from Flying M Farm.
- -The February Lecture on Invasive Plant Species by Doug Cygna that was canceled will not be rescheduled this year and will hope to be held next year.
- -The details of the April 12th Lecture on Birds of Prey were discussed i.e., location, outside before dusk, 2-3 Birds including an owl and hawk, outside lighting. Darrel Nafranowicz will talk to the presenter to firm up details and send information to June Petrin so that a writeup can be made for advertising the event.
- -The May Lecture on Composting and Manure will be held at Charming Fare Farm and the date will be determined. The UNH Extension will be presenting.

*Farmer's Market Update

- -Applications continue to come in and more are expected. Entertainment has been arranged (Music) for each Market. Working on having a speaker each event.
 - -Perhaps there could be a Story Time/ Book Sale facilitated by the Library.
- -There was a discussion around having more control over the Community Table and sellers having a list of what is being dropped off/pricing and signing a waiver.
- -The Farmer's Market will be listed in NH Department of Agriculture Food and Market Website.
 - -Pattie Davis is working on getting signs to post prior to the Markets.

New Business

*Town Wide Yard Sale

-The date will be June 11th. There was a discussion if the Agricultural Commission wants to participate. Matt Cobb will talk with Joe Lamarche to see if he is interested in in helping to gather items.

-No Public comments.

Next Meeting: April 7, 2022, Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment

*Chair Matt Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:45PM, moved by Darrel Nafranowicz, seconded by June Petrin, all in favor unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by, Robin Vergato, Secretary