



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

FINAL MINUTES

September 1, 2022

Thursday 7:00 PM

Candia Town Hall

Commission Members present: Chair Matthew Cobb, Robin Vergato, Tom DiMaggio, Joe Lamarche(arrived 7:25PM), Darrel Nafranowicz, Melissa Madden. Excused: Ron Howe.

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

Call to Order

*Chair Matt Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

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

Regular Business

***Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting on July 28, 2022.**

-Moved by Melissa Madden, seconded by Darrel Nafranowicz, passed unanimously.

***Treasurer's Report**

-Debra Cobb reported there is a balance of \$3,420.01 in the Agricultural Commission bank account and \$260.00 is to be deposited from last months Farmer's Market. Tom DiMaggio moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Darrel Nafranowicz, passed unanimously.

Public in Attendance

-No Public in attendance.

Old Business

***Farmer's Market Update**

-The Town Treasurer and Town Office believes that SNAP/EBT would be too much to undertake at this time. They recommended checking with the Board of Selectmen next year.

-The Farmer's Market on 8/20 was very successful. The winner of the contest (Kelley Plante) picked up the prizes. 250 people entered and those new email addresses were added to the contacts list.

-The Farmer's Market next month will be on 9/17 and will have a petting zoo furnished by Charmingfare Farm. There will not be a wine tasting. Two breweries will be in attendance.

-The hours for next year's October Farmer's Market will likely be modified. This year the October Farmer's Market will have a quilter, spinner, pottery, rug hooker. Anyone demonstrating will not be charged a booth fee. Matt Cobb has offered to do a demonstration on knife sharpening. There will not be a demonstration on "what tool is this?".

-Volunteers are still needed for set up and breakdown for the September Farmer's Market.

***Old Home Day**

-The Agricultural Commission booth was very busy and sold items with a total profit of \$160.25. Two local farms and another vendor were also at the table.

***Lecture Series**

-The topics for November, January, February, March, and April were discussed including canning, maple sugaring, bears, fruit trees, pollinators, birds of prey. The schedule needs to be firmed up.

-The library has a lecture on foraging next week.

***Historic Barn Program**

-The heritage barn inspections will likely start next month.

New Business

-Goals for the monies collected for the Agricultural Commission were discussed. The monies should be used to support Agricultural Commission activities. It was suggested that a fund for a scholarship be considered that would be given yearly to Candia student going into the Agricultural field. Some of the monies will be used for advertising the Farmer's Market next year and the lecture series when needed. It was also suggested that some of the monies be used towards a Thanksgiving Dinner for a family in need.

-Tom DiMaggio has a contact person with a possible donation of a pallet of peat moss. Samples could be given away at the Farmer's Market and a sign could be posted acknowledging the donation.

-Parking for the Farmer's Market was discussed. There was a line for parking at the last Farmer's Market.

Public Comment

-No Public comments.

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

Adjournment

*Chair Matt Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:38PM, moved by Tom DiMaggio, seconded by Darrel Nafranowicz, all in favor unanimously.

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