



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

FINAL MINUTES

October 6, 2022

Thursday 7:00 PM

Candia Town Hall

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

Commission Alternates present: Debra Cobb, Pattie Davis, 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 attendance.

Regular Business

***Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting September 1, 2022.**

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

***Treasurer's Report**

-Debra Cobb reported there was a balance of \$3313.56 in the Agricultural Commission bank account with deposits of \$255.00 and expenditures of \$367.40. Ron Howe moved to accept the treasurers report, seconded by Darrel Nafranowicz, passed unanimously.

Old Business

***Candia Farmer's Market (CFM) Update**

- Ron Howe raised the discussion that the Commission has been doing well with the Farmers Market and the possibility of supporting a scholarship, which had previously been discussed. Matt Cobb brought up that we had also discussed having funds to pay for the lecturers in our lecture series. Dick Snow advised that the Conservation Commission sells calendars to raise funds for a scholarship. Patti Davis recommended we recognize the time our Market Manager, Melissa Madden, puts into running our market and asked that we consider compensating her in some manor for her services. The consensus was we need to explore

avenues of compensation for our Market Manager, recognizing the challenges as to employee status. We discussed the possibility of a contract, of making the Farmers Market its own entity and what that might look like, and possibly separating the Farmers Market from the Agricultural Commission. We agreed we needed to explore this further, obtain additional information and continue discussion at the rap up next month. Melissa Madden wants to talk to other market managers for additional ideas. Ron Howe brought up that we have received feedback of the desire for more than one market a month. Melissa Madden said she would like to see us partner with a neighboring town IE Deerfield to coordinate a market in Deerfield to have 2 markets per month.

October 15 is the last Farmers Market for the season. Melissa Madden advised we currently will have 38 booths at the market. 25 regular vendors, 7 crafts/artisans, and 6 demonstrators. We would like to sell Hot Apple Cider at the Community table and will work out logistics with heat.

***Lecture Series for Winter 22-23**

- Patti Davis is coordinating the Canning Lecture for November, possible dates are either Saturday Nov 5th or Sat Nov 12th. Patti Davis is contacting the Congregational Church to see if we can use their Kitchen and their capacity. We will provide the jars, and charge a fee to sign up. Patti Davis will follow up with our presenter regarding the materials needed and determine an appropriate sign-up fee. Deb Cobb asked Melissa Madden if she could put together a flyer for the presentation.

- January we are scheduling the Maple Sugaring lecture. Matt Cobb has reached out to Charlton Robbie to see if he will do an onsite lecture.

- February we are looking at scheduling a lecturer on Bears - Protecting Agriculture from Bears. Matt Cobb was referred to Ben Killum. His fee is \$600. Patti Davis recommended we reach out to the Boy Scouts, 4-H, and maybe the Conservation Commission to see if they were interested in sharing the fee. If we expect a larger number of attendees, we can reach out to Henry Moore school to use the auditorium.

- March – we intend to schedule Fruit Tree Pruning. We do not have a presenter. Ken Madden will reach out to Hazelton Farms, Darrel Nafranowicz will reach out to Brookdale Farms and other orchards to see if they are interested in presenting.

-April – Pollination lecture – Master Gardener

-May – We are still exploring Birds of Prey and the possible availability of On The Wing.

***Historic Barn Program**

- There are presently 10 barns in the program in Candia that need to be inspected. Ken Madden is running the program and presented a list of the barns that need to be inspected yearly. Ken has 3 commission members who have volunteer to assist with handling the inspections; Ron Howe, Tom DiMaggio and Matt Cobb. They are looking at the date of Oct 22nd.

New Business

***Community Info Night**

To be held at the CYAA on Wednesday Oct 26th from 6-8pm. Matt Cobb will be there, Darrel Nafranowicz volunteered. We discussed the Farmers Market having their own table.

Public Comment

-No Public comments.

Next Meeting: November 3, 2022, Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment

*Chair Matthew Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:00PM, moved by Melissa Madden, seconded by Ron Howe, all in favor unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by, Darrel Nafranowicz for Robin Vergato, Secretary