



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

FINAL MINUTES

November 3, 2022

Thursday 7:00 PM

Candia Town Hall

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

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

Call to Order

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

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

Regular Business

***Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting on October 6, 2022.**

-Moved by Melissa Madden, seconded by Tom DiMaggio, passed unanimously.

***Treasurer's Report**

-Debra Cobb reported there is a balance of \$3313.56 in the Agricultural Commission bank account. Robin Vergato moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Joe Lamarche, passed unanimously.

Public in Attendance

-No Public in attendance.

Old Business

***Farmer's Market Wrap-up**

-Melissa Madden reconciled the cash sheets. Profits for each month were: June \$810.00, July \$735.75, August \$732.75, September \$930.00, October \$542.00; Old Home Day \$249.75. There was a monthly profit. The total profit from the community table was \$931.70 and the total profit from vendor booths was \$1,845. The overall total profit for 2022 was

\$860.82 after expenses. New expenses will be thank you cards for vendors/demonstrators/people who sold at the community table.

-Vendors reported being generally happy with the Farmer's Market being held 3 hours a day/one day per month and most said that they will be back next year. A survey will be done for the vendors to gather more feedback.

-Next year the Farmer's Market is looking for cheese/dairy, alpacas, wool/fleece, meat/fish, and volunteers.

-The October Farmer's Market next year could benefit from adjusting the hours so that it starts one hour later due to the cooler weather. There was fresh produce at all the Farmer's Markets. Fresh Start has produce year-round.

-There are sometimes problems with the parking. It is important for the vendors to move out of the parking lot after they are set up to free up spaces. Setup is usually done by 8:30AM. It could be helpful to have a parking attendant-perhaps the boy scouts could help.

***Lecture Series**

-November will be a canning event at the Congregational Church on November 5th. 13 people were signed up and 3 dropped out, leaving 10 people who are scheduled to attend. The maximum amount who can attend is 15. There will be a Face Book post on the Agricultural Commission page noting the 5 openings and as a reminder.

-For January Matt Cobb talked to Charlton Robbie who confirmed as a presenter on maple sugaring. A place and the date will be determined.

- For February Matt Cobb talked to the Librarian and the Library will contribute \$200 if the Lecture is held there. There was a discussion that if the Agricultural Commission contributes \$200, there will only be \$200 left for the cost to have Benn Killum present on bears. There will be a backup date in case of inclement weather.

-For March Darrel Nafranowicz will reach out to follow up on a presenter for fruit tree pruning.

-For April will be a Master Gardener presenting on pollination.

-For May Birds of Prey is still being explored.

-A future topic could be on bats.

***Historic Barn Program**

-Ken Madden has inspected 40% of the barns and will check with the Town to update in Information around old enrollments, before taking new enrollments.

New Business

-A possible Agriculture scholarship was discussed. The amount of the scholarship, what it will be for, and what funds will be used will need to be determined. It would be for a student of Candia residence. Possible eligible majors and possible parameters were discussed. Matt Cobb will reach out to the local school for more information.

Public Comment

-No Public comments.

Next Meeting: December 1, 2022, Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment

*Chair Matt Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:55PM, moved by Tom DiMaggio, seconded by Darrel Nafranowicz, all in favor unanimously.

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