



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

FINAL MINUTES

February 2, 2023

Thursday 7:00 PM

Candia Town Hall

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

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

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 January 5, 2023.**
-Moved by Melissa Madden, seconded by Tom DiMaggio, passed unanimously.

***Treasurer's Report**

-The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. There is a balance of \$3,749.01 in the Agricultural Commission bank account. Tom DiMaggio moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Melissa Madden, passed unanimously.

Public in Attendance

-No Public in attendance.

Old Business

***Farmer's Market**

-19 vendors (16 returning, 3 new) have already signed up for 2023 and all except one, are coming to all the Markets. The various types of vendors attending were reviewed including more produce farms, 4 bakers.

-The SNAP program is being explored.

-There is the option to reach out to other Farmer's Markets to recruit more vendors.

***Lecture Series**

-In January Charlton Robbie presented on Maple Sugaring and there was not good attendance. The lecture was very well done and ways to improve attendance will be explored.

- The February lecture with Benn Killum presenting on bears is at capacity and 33 people signed up with a wait list. The event will be held on Saturday 2/18/22 at 2PM at the library. Donations for the fee were received from the 4H-\$50, Library-\$200, The Agricultural Commission-\$200, and Candray is covering the remaining amount.

-For the March lecture on fruit tree pruning, a presenter has been confirmed. Ron Howe offered his fruit trees for the exhibition. It will be held on either 3/11 or 3/18 with a rain date the following week.

-For the April lecture on pollinators, Matt Cobb reached out to Olivia Saunders from the UNH Extension.

-For May, Birds of Prey will be on 5/9 at 7PM. The cost will be \$300 for 3 birds or \$400 for 4 birds with a \$50 fee for transportation. Matt Cobb will check with the Conservation Commission to see if they can help with the cost. There will be advertising on the school bulletin board.

***Expiring Membership Terms**

-Tom DiMaggio, Darrel Nafranowicz, and Ken Madden will all extend for another term. Matt Cobb will update the Board of Selectman and suggested that each submit a letter for reappointment. Ron Howe moved for their reappointment, seconded by Melissa Madden, passed unanimously.

New Business

***Boy Scout Flyers**

-The cost for color flyers is \$240 (single side) and the cost for black and white is \$64. A Draft of the Agricultural Commission flyer was reviewed. The flyer will list the dates and times of the 2023 Farmers Markets. Tom DiMaggio moved to proceed with the flyer, seconded by Ken Madden, passed unanimously.

Public Comment

-No Public comments.

Next Meeting: March 2, 2023, Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment

*Chair Matt Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:37PM, moved by Melissa Madden, seconded by Tom DiMaggio, all in favor unanimously.

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