



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

**FINAL MINUTES**

**March 2, 2023**

**Thursday 7:00 PM**

**Candia Town Hall**

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

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

**Call to Order**

\*Chair Matt Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

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

**Regular Business**

**\*Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting on February 2, 2023.**

-Moved by Tom DiMaggio, seconded by Darrel Nafranowicz, passed unanimously.

**\*Treasurer's Report**

-No update.

**Public in Attendance**

-No Public in attendance.

**Old Business**

**\*Expiring Membership Terms**

-Tom DiMaggio, Darrel Nafranowicz, and Ken Madden were approved by the Board of Selectman for new terms.

### **\*Farmer's Market**

-Still trying to obtain a few more vendors. The advertising and sponsorship program is being worked on.

-The SNAP program was discussed and next steps, so that it can be available at this year's Farmer's Markets. The process for SNAP was reviewed.

-Numbers from the Farmer's Market Facebook page was reviewed. There is a list of vendors on the Town website with their contact information and profile.

### **\*Lecture Series**

- The February lecture with Benn Killum who presented on bears was a very good success. The room was full. 40 people attended and 5 people who signed up did not attend.

-The March lecture on fruit tree pruning will be held on 3/18 at 10AM at Wee Acres. It was suggested that the presenter look at the trees ahead of time.

-The April lecture on pollinators will have 2 UNH Extension Master Gardeners as speakers, Pam Appleton and Doris Bucu. It will be held at the Library on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Melissa Madden will create a poster for the event.

-For May, Birds of Prey will be on 5/9 at 7PM. There will be 4 birds. Melissa Madden will create a poster for this event also. Drop lights will be needed for lighting. It was suggested that a sign-up sheet would be helpful.

### **\*Barn Tax Program Update**

-The Candia Barn Preservation and Tax Abatement Program outline was reviewed. The list of participating names for the barn tax program and their contact information was reviewed and is being updated.

-The tax abatement is to help maintain the barns. There is a grant program also available to help fund barn maintenance.

-Ken Madden will need to visit each barn and it will take approximately 20 minutes.

### **New Business**

-The Agricultural Commission Facebook page will continue with no interruptions.

### **Public Comment**

-No Public comments.

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

### **Adjournment**

\*Chair Matt Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:00PM, moved by Melissa Madden, seconded by Darrel Nafranowicz, all in favor unanimously.

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