



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

FINAL MINUTES

April 6, 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: Debra Cobb, Pattie Davis. Excused: Ken Madden

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 March 2, 2023.**

-Moved by Ron Howe, seconded by Melissa Madden, passed unanimously.

***Treasurer's Report**

-The treasurer's report was reviewed. Most of the vendor's fees for the year have been collected. It was suggested that a column be added to differentiate the Farmer's Market and Lecture Series. Darrel Nafranowicz moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Tom DiMaggio, passed unanimously.

Public in Attendance

-No Public in attendance.

Old Business

***Farmer's Market**

-The town agreed to allow use of SNAP. An application for SNAP was sent in and most of the details have been worked out.

-The vendors are almost full. There are new beer and wine vendors. A lot of the vendor fees have been collected.

-The logo for the Farmer's Market was changed to fit the town website and Facebook site, and for the Farmer's Market bags. There will be Farmer's Market flyers.

-Patty Davis has been working on a Children's Business Market to be included at the July Farmer's Market with 8 booths maximum. There will be an application for this and some of the specifics were discussed.

-There will be themes at all the Farmer's Markets: June- "National Eat Your Veggies Day", with a UNH Master Gardener present; July- "Kids Entrepreneur Day"; August- "International Homeless Animals Day"; September- "International Eat an Apple Day"; October- "International Raw Milk and Cheese Appreciation Day".

-A tent for children's events is being investigated. Children's activities will be planned for every Farmer's Market.

-There will be a lot of new music this year with 2 bands participating.

-The lowest month for vendors is 30 and the highest month is 40 vendors. There will be t shirts for people who help run the Farmer's Markets.

-Insulated reusable grocery bags will hopefully be available.

-People who use SNAP will have 50% more free to spend if they purchase fruits/vegetables. In September veterans get \$20 vouchers.

***Lecture Series**

-An Agricultural Commission sign will be helpful to identify sites used for the Lecture series.

-The March lecture on fruit tree pruning was a success.

-The April lecture on pollinators will be held at the Library on April 20th at 7PM.

-For May, Birds of Prey will be on 5/9 at 7PM. More drop lights are needed for lighting. A poster is being printed for advertising. It was suggested to put an ad on the school sign.

-A possible future lecture with Steve Taylor, who was the past Commissioner of Agriculture, was suggested.

***Barn Tax Program Update**

-No Updates. The current barns enrolled in the program are being finished before making new applications available. The target date to be finished is 6/17.

New Business

-The Agricultural Commission is still looking for two alternates.

Public Comment

-No Public comments.

Next Meeting: May 5, 2023, Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment:

*Chair Matt Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:45PM, moved by Melissa Madden, seconded by Darrel Nafranowicz, all in favor unanimously.

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