



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

FINAL MINUTES

May 1, 2025

Thursday 7:00 PM

Candia Town Hall

Commission Members present: Chair Matthew Cobb, Darrel Nafranowicz, Melissa Madden, Ron Howe.

Excused: Joe Lamarche, Tom DiMaggio

Commission Alternates present: Ken Madden, Alex Campbell. Excused: Debra Cobb, Richard Ascolillo, Pattie Davis.

Call to Order

*Chair Matthew Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

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

Public in Attendance

Michelle Lavallee was present at the meeting expressing interest in joining the Commission as an alternate member. She also expressed interest in volunteering at the Farmers Market along with her husband, Ken. Chair Matt Cobb made a motion to approve of Michelle Lavallee as an alternate.

Motion was moved by Melissa Madden and seconded by Darrel Nafranowicz, passed unanimously. Chair Matt Cobb hoped to have her final approval before the Selectmen the following Monday.

Regular Business

***Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting March 6, 2025.**

-Sufficient members were present from the March meeting. Moved by Ken Madden and seconded by Melissa Madden, passed unanimously.

-Insufficient members were present from the April meeting to be able to vote on the minutes. Vote postponed till June 2025 meeting.

***Treasurer's Report**

-Treasure's report was presented with a balance of \$11,693.74. Approval of the Treasure's report was moved by Ron Howe and seconded by Melissa Madden.

Old Business

***Framers Market Update - Grading and preparation for site**

- Melissa Madden presented her request for grading and evening of the surface to reduce the chance of falls. Would like the Town to cover the cost. Kan Madden volunteered to help.

screened loam could come out of the FM budget; we would need 2-3 yards of loam. Jeff, the road agent may have access to loam at no cost which Ken would explore.

- Vendors, additional vendors are needed for October, would like more beer and cider options. Drums and Bagpipes will be returning this October.

- Children's Business fair showed little interest this year and as such the FM is forgoing that this season.

- July the FM will not be doing Veterans bucks as Vouchers for Veterans will be present in September which is also the Applefest and Apple Pie baking contest. Volunteers needed.

- August's theme is Tell a Joke Day.

- Ron Howe advised he spoke to Pattie Davis April 30th and they discussed the plan for this year's animals. He presented the idea of having the same animal at each market to show how the animal grows. - Also raised the idea for Posters on Horticulture judging to ID plants at three different age levels.

- Melissa Madden informed the Commission that the Candia Farmers Market remains in the top 5 Farmers Market according to the HIPPO survey, in fact we moved up a spot to #3!

***Agricultural Day –**

- Chair Matt Cobb advised that Meg Morenz indicated all was in place and ready to go. Various presenters were lined up, all going well. Ag Day scheduled for May 21, 2025 with a rain date of May 22, 2025.

***Lecture Series**

- April Lecture – Monadnock Falconry presented at Moore Park on April 24, 2025 at 5:30pm. This was an outstanding presentation, very well received.

- May Lecture – Coexisting with Beavers –set for May 22, 2025 at 7PM at the Smyth Public Library, and sponsored by the library.

***Barn Program Update**

- Ken Madden advised that all approvals have been completed. The Commission will advertise the Barn Program at the Farmers Market and try to facilitate interest. Also identify target properties that are well maintained and scenic.

New Business

***Old Homes Days**

- Saturday August 23, 11-2pm with set up at 9am. Booth fees are \$20 this year.

*** Bowman Property**

- Jim Logan approached the Zoning committee about developing the Bowman property, which is 160 acres, into 52 units set back from the road, as an Equine Community where residents can board their horses. The degree to which this involves the Ag Commission to be determined as additional information is presented.

Public Comment

- See above.

Next Meeting: June 5, 2025, Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment

- *Chair Matthew Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:42PM, moved by Ken Madden, seconded by Ron Howe, all in favor unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by, Darrel Nafranowicz, Acting Secretary