



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

**FINAL MINUTES**

**June 5, 2025**

**Thursday 7:00 PM**

**Candia Town Hall**

Commission Members present: Darrel Nafranowicz, Melissa Madden, Ron Howe, Tom DiMaggio.

Excused: Joe Lamarche, Chair Matthew Cobb

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

**Call to Order**

\*Melissa Madden called the meeting to order at 7:07PM.

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

**Public in Attendance**

Michelle Lavallee and Ken Lavallee were present at the meeting. Michelle Lavallee was nominated as an alternate and awaiting final consideration from the Select Board on Monday June 9<sup>th</sup>. expressing interest in joining the Commission as an alternate member.

**Regular Business**

**\*Approval of Minutes from prior Meetings April 3, 2025 and May 1, 2025.**

-Sufficient members were present from the May's 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 July 2025 meeting.

**\*Treasurer's Report**

-Treasure's report was presented with a balance of \$11,504.16, which includes ~4100 in vendor fees, ~1700 in sponsorship donations and ~1150 in grants. \$500 farm youth credit received for the Young Farmers Club. Approval of the Treasure's report was moved by Ron Howe and seconded by Tom DiMaggio.

**Old Business**

**\*Framers Market Update -**

- Melissa Madden presented. FM is 2 weeks away, this is our 5th year with plans to celebrate. Banners were put out on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed for signs, Michelle Lavallee has volunteered to organize the volunteers. Tom DiMaggio volunteered to help again with picking up cone and signs after the market and to assist with set up. We have some different vendors

this year. Manna will not be retuning however we have a new baker, the Cake Fairy. Ron Howe has plants that he will donate for Pattie with use with Young Farmers club and other kids activities.

-Ken Madden has been in touch with the Road Agent, Jeff regarding loam for the grounds. Ken Abblesom advised he will be there this weekend to clean up the grounds, and then we can address the remaining work needed.

**\*Agricultural Day –**

- Fun day for the kids, all the students were very respectful. Moore School plans to do this again. Meg Morenz will not be organizing this in 2027, there are 2 new teachers that have volunteered. Meg also volunteered Melissa Madden to assist in the coordination for 2027.

**\*Lecture Series**

-Beaver Talk was excellent, approx. 15 attended. Several committee members attended and commented that the presenter did a great job.

-Lecture Series will start up again in November 2025.

**\*Barn Program Update**

- Ken Madden advised that we will work on expanding the program through advertising at the FM and through targeted barns.

**New Business**

\*Select Board will consider Michelle Lavallee's nomination on Monday June 9th.

\* Seward/Bowman Property – Ron had a chance to speak to Jim Logan after the last meeting and provide him with some of the feed back on an equine community barn. Jim Logan would like to attend the next meeting for some input from the Committee on ideas as to how to best utilize the property agriculturally in conjunction with the development ideas.

**Public Comment**

- Michelle Lavallee provided some information on her background for Tom DiMaggio as he had not been present at the last meeting.

**Next Meeting:** July 1, 2025, Tuesday at 7:00PM.

**Adjournment**

\*Melissa Madden adjourned the meeting at 8:46PM, moved by Ken Madden, seconded by Ron Howe, all in favor unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted by, Darrel Nafranowicz, Acting Secretary**