



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

Final **MINUTES**

**August 7, 2025**

**Thursday 7:00 PM**

**Candia Town Hall**

Commission Members present: Chair Matthew Cobb, Darrel Nafranowicz, Melissa Madden, Ron Howe, Tom DiMaggio. Excused: Joe Lamarche, Alex Campbell.

Commission Alternates present: Pattie Davis, Ken Madden, Michelle Lavallee. Excused: Debra Cobb, Richard Ascolillo.

**Call to Order**

- \* Chair Matthew Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:07PM.
- \*Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Commission Members and Alternate.

**Public in Attendance**

- Ken Lavallee was present at the meeting.

**Regular Business**

**\*Approval of Minutes.**

Moved by Melissa Madden and seconded by Ron Howe, passed unanimously with edits.

**\*Treasurer's Report**

-No official treasures report presented. Sufficient funds in the account.

**Old Business**

**\*Framers Market Update -**

- Melissa Madden presented. The July market was very good. The theme for the August Market is corn. Matt Cobb is sharpening knives. Kids will get to share jokes and Pattie will bring puppies. We will have a dog photo booth and take Polaroid pictures for the board. And a gift basket from Tactor Supply for the winner.
- Vouchers for Veterans agreed to allow us to pay the vendors and reimburse us. Melissa Madden will withdraw the funds in the amount of \$3,000 to have in advance to reimburse vendors. In 2024 we had 36 veterans. Tom DiMaggio inquired how many we anticipated. Kittery's first market had 65. Wentworth green house had 185. We are closest to Manchester. However, transportation is an issue. Morgan and Kelly from Vouches for Veterans will handle be at the table in September market. Karen will be able to assist. Pattie Davis has a friend interested in doing a veterans table every month.

- SNAP is down this year, we discussed doubling the Granite State Market Match money to encourage use of the SNAP program. Matt Cobb suggested reaching out to the welfare officer about giving vouchers for families in Candia. Or reach out to the Food Pantry and give them market cash to hand out. We agreed the market cash is to be used for food items; meats, fruits, and vegetables. How many families are in need? Suggested that the amount be capped and the Market Committee to review which option. Ken Madden made a motion to allow up to \$2000 for the Candia residents benefit, through either the Food Pantry or the Welfare department, seconded by Tom DiMaggio, passed unanimously.

**\*Old Home Day -**

- Old Home Day is scheduled for Saturday August 23. Matt Cobb has planned an obstacle course made up of hay and water feeders and there will be prizes. There will be a pile of hay for the kids to dive into and find the Bubbles. Ron Howe, Tom DiMaggio and/or Ken Madden offered to supply hand bit braces to tap trees. Set up is at 9am to 11am. Hours are 11am-2pm. Darrel Nafranowicz and Tom DiMaggio will help with set up.

**\*Barn Program Update**

- Ken Madden advised one new application was received from Clark Thyng who used to be in the program; he has re-applied. Ken Madden mentioned a list of targeted properties with barns appropriate for the program. The commission could approach the owners to solicit any interest. Pattie Davis suggested a Barn Tour Book. A calendar of the barns was also suggested. Also suggested was featuring one barn a month on the Committee's FB page, "Barn of the Month" with a write up of the history behind the barn.

**New Business**

\*Winter Lecture Series Idea's

- For November – Jenny Gardner - Mushroom tour, or The Hive Patten Hill Rd with Josh.

**Public Comment**

-No public comment

**Next Meeting:** September 4, 2025, Tuesday at 7:00PM.

**Adjournment**

\* Chair Matthew Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:55PM, moved by Ken Madden, seconded by Tom DiMaggio, all in favor unanimously.

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