



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

Draft MINUTES

September 4, 2025

Thursday 7:00 PM

Candia Town Hall

Commission Members present: Chair Matthew Cobb, Darrel Nafranowicz, Ron Howe, Tom DiMaggio.

Excused: Joe Lamarche, Melissa Madden.

Commission Alternates present: Pattie Davis, Deb Cobb, Michelle Lavallee. Excused: Ken Madden, 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

- No public present at the meeting.

Regular Business

***Approval of Minutes.**

Moved by Tom DiMaggio and seconded by Pattie Davis, passed unanimously with edits.

***Treasurer's Report**

- Treasures report presented. \$11,737.33 in funds in the account. Approval of Treasurers report was moved by Michelle Lavallee and second by Tom DiMaggio, passed unanimously.

Old Business

***Framers Market Update -**

- Michelle Lavallee is lining up Judges for the Apple Pie Baking contest. Deb Cobb agreed to be one of the judges. It was suggested Michelle Lavallee reach out to Lynn Garland as another potential judge. Pattie Davis expressed her appreciation of the hard work from Demaris Cobb with the Young Farmers Club. Pattie Davis suggested seeing if Demaris might be interested in running it next year. Over 50 kids signed up this year. Parents are involved and learning too. Pattie Davis suggested we will need more tents next year. Some of the tents she is using will need to be returned. We continue to need volunteers. Theme for September is the apple. Produce available for September will be corn, apples, spaghetti squash.

***Winter Lecture Series**

- Matthew Cobb had many suggestions.
 - Fox presentation
 - Garden pest control – Rodents/pests/rabbits/deer
 - Judy Lindsay suggested a movie be presented on Integrative Farming on a farm in CA.
 - Flowers for pest control
 - Falconry
- Pattie Davis suggested Felting for November. Dryer Balls. Snowmen can be made in an hour. Suggested \$5/person to sign up. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

***Barn Program Update**

- Ken Madden was not present, however there was nothing new known.

***Old Home Day -**

- Old Home Day total numbers are declining. Less vendors. Adults and kids went through the obstacle course set up. One 14-year-old girl did the whole course in 1 minute 30 seconds. Quite a few young kids found the bubbles in the hay stack. The guess the weight of the squash had about 35 guesses, with ranges from 4 pounds to 40 pounds. 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.

New Business

No new business discussed

Public Comment

-No public comment

Next Meeting: October 2, 2025, Tuesday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment

* Chair Matthew Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:55PM, moved by Pattie Davis, seconded by Ron Howe, all in favor unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by, Darrel Nafranowicz, Secretary