



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

FINAL MINUTES

November 2, 2023

Thursday 7:00 PM

Candia Town Hall

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

Commission Alternates present: Ken Madden, Richard Ascolillo, Pattie Davis (Arrived at 7:05 PM).
Excused: Debra Cobb, Alex Campbell.

Call to Order

*Covering Co-Chairs Darrel Nafranowicz and Melissa Madden called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

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

Regular Business

***Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting on October 5, 2023.**

-Moved by Tom DiMaggio, seconded by Melissa Madden, passed unanimously.

***Treasurer's Report**

-Melissa Madden presented the treasurer's report. The account balance is \$4,881.44 and deposits were reviewed. The SNAP process was briefly discussed. The Farmers Market financials will be reviewed in December. Approval of the treasurer's report was moved by Joe Lamarche and seconded by Ron Howe, passed unanimously.

Public in Attendance

- No Public in attendance.

Old Business

***Farmers Market**

-The last Farmers Market held in October was reviewed. Despite the rain, there was a good turnout. JP Eats sold 13 dozen egg sandwiches and sold out of prepared food.

-The Farmers Market made a few hundred dollars in October. It was advertised on WMUR the night before and the day of. A press release was sent to the WMUR calendar. An ad could be made for the Manchester radio group, and this will be assessed for next year.

-The Farmers Market Policies and Procedures were reviewed and discussed, including the definition of the Market Management team and Committee. Tom DiMaggio moved to accept the revised Policies and Procedures, and it was seconded by Ron Howe, passed unanimously.

-Melissa Madden was presented with a "Texas Rangers badge" in acknowledgement of her outstanding work with the Farmers Market.

-There will need to be a new sponsorship banner next year.

***Lecture Series**

-The apple butter demonstration with presenter Tracy Blevins will be held on Saturday November 4th 10 AM- 2 PM in the basement of the Congregational Church. The cost is \$68 that will cover supplies for 9 attendees.

- Wendy Berry from Lasting Legacy Farm will present on Rodent control and this will be held on January 9th at the Library. Melissa Madden will make a flier and it will be advertised on the Agricultural Commission Facebook page.

-The trailer for "Underdog" a movie that focuses on the life of a Vermont dairy farmer, was reviewed by the Agricultural Commission members and it was decided to move forward with showing the movie in February. A location will need to be finalized and a large tv or screen will need to be located. Tom Dimaggio will inquire about possibly using the room at the Town Hall. The movie is approximately one hour long. There was a discussion around advertising for this.

-Other possible topics will be discussed at the next Agricultural Commission meeting. It was suggested that money from the Agricultural Commission bank account be used for the educational lectures.

***Barn Tax Program Update**

-Reminder letters will be sent out by December stating applications with contact information will need to be submitted by April 15, 2024. Barns must be a minimum of 75 years old, originally used for agricultural purposes, and in a place the public can see.

New Business

-The New Hampshire agriculture children's activity book was reviewed.

Public Comment

-No Public comments.

Next Meeting: December 7, 2023, Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment:

*Covering Co-Charis Darrel Nafranowicz and Melissa Madden adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM, moved by Ron Howe, seconded by Melissa Madden, all in favor unanimously.

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