



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

FINAL MINUTES

May 4, 2023

Thursday 7:00 PM

Candia Town Hall

Commission Members present: Chair Matt Cobb, Robin Vergato, , Melissa Madden, Joe Lamarche(arrived at 7:15PM), Darrel Nafranowicz. Excused: Tom DiMaggio, Ron Howe.

Commission Alternates present: Pattie Davis, Ken Madden. Excused: Debra Cobb.

Call to Order

- *Chair Matt Cobb 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 April 6, 2023.**
 - Moved by Darrel Nafranowicz, seconded by Melissa Madden, passed unanimously.

***Treasurer's Report**

-No updates.

Public in Attendance

-No Public in attendance.

Old Business

***Farmer's Market**

-49 Vendors have signed up and the monthly Markets are full for this year. SR Solar NH will sponsor \$625 for the new tent at the community table and an additional \$500 for every sale they make if the Candia Farmer's Market is mentioned.

-Looking for sponsorships from interested vendors to donate towards the Farmer's Market contest. There will be a drawing for those who come to the Farmer's Market in

June/July/August and sign up. The winner will be announced prior to the September Farmer's Market and receive BBQ items.

-Volunteers are still needed, especially in July and October. Vendors will be asked to move their vehicles to designated areas to help make more room.

-There will be a floater for the community table. There will be photos taken at every Farmer's Market. There was a discussion around who will be putting up the signs to promote the monthly Farmer's Markets. Knife Sharpening was very popular last year and will be at several of the Farmer's Markets.

***Lecture Series**

-The pollinators lecture was successful with a good turnout-14+ people attended.

-The Birds of Prey presentation by Tailwinds will be coming up on 5/9 at 7PM at the Pavilion at Moore Park. There will be a live bird educational program. There was a review of who would be bringing the lights. Darrel Nafanowicz will confirm everything that will be needed.

***Barn Tax Program Update**

- The barn inspections are done. Records will be kept with photos and a spread sheet of all the barns. There will be a sign-up form for new barns available soon.

New Business

-The Farm and Forest Expo is on 5/5 and 5/6 at the Deerfield Fairgrounds. Two members of the Agricultural Commission will be attending.

-The Agricultural Commission will not be participating in the Townwide yard sale this year.

-The Agricultural Commission will be participating in Candia Old Home Day in August and signing up for two 10X10 tents at \$20 each. Local farmers from Candia who participate in the Farmer's Markets can have items at the Agricultural Commission tents.

-Two proposed statewide bills that are in Concord were reviewed: proposed regulation around expansion of farmer's roadside stands and an ordinance to exempt farming/agricultural operations from municipal noise ordinances.

-An idea for the Lecture series could be on fencing.

Public Comment

-No Public comments.

Next Meeting: June 1, 2023, Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment:

*Chair Matt Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:48PM, moved by Melissa Madden, seconded by Darrel Nafranowicz, all in favor unanimously.

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