



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

FINAL MINUTES

June 1, 2023

Thursday 7:00 PM

Candia Town Hall

Commission Members present: Chair Matthew Cobb, Tom DiMaggio, Darrel Nafranowicz, Melissa Madden, Joe Lamarche (arrived 7:10pm). Excused: Robin Vergato, Ron Howe.

Commission Alternates present: Debra Cobb, Pattie Davis (arrived 7:08). Excused: Ken Madden.

Call to Order

*Chair Matthew Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

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

Public in Attendance

No public attendance.

Regular Business

***Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting May 4, 2023.**

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

***Treasurer's Report**

-Treasurer's report was presented with sponsorship donations and expenditures for the Farmers Market, with a balance of \$5429.68. Approval of the Treasurer's report was Moved by Melissa Madden and seconded by Tom DiMaggio, passed unanimously.

Old Business

***Candia Farmer's Market (CFM) Update**

- Melissa Madden advised that we have another sponsor, State Farm Agent will sponsor \$300.00 towards the Candia Farmer's Market Kids Activity Tent. CFM now has 51 vendors signed up over the 5 markets. The CFM website home page lists the market dates. Click on the market date for a list of the vendors and their products. Melissa continues to show case each of the vendors. CFM will be giving away 50 Red Cedar seedlings at the June Market. Ron Howe will also be donating plants.

We continue to need volunteers for the market. Matt Cobb and Joe Lamarche volunteered to put up signs the week before. Joe will place signs out that morning – CFM has 4

signed stating Market Today. Tom DiMaggio volunteered to police moving of cars, parking and set up and take down. We need a volunteer to pick up produce in Hooksett.

The SNAP/EBT program training will take place the week of June 5th. Melissa Madden will then train the other CFM leads. CFM will be running a "Dinner On Us" contest, with all the fixings for a 6 person meal, the winner to collect their prize at the September 16th Market. Persons attending any of the markets June July and August can sign up for the contest at the Community table. Matt Cobb agreed to do knife sharpening at the August and September markets. Matt Cobb will provide tables for the June Market. Ken Madden is making weights for the new Community Table Canopy. Tom DiMaggio has put his name in for seeds to be donated to the CFM.

***Lecture Series update**

- Bird of Prey presentation was very well received, we had at least 50 in attendance. The children asked great questions.

-Some discussion regarding the 2023/2024 season. The canning instructor is willing to present again. We can advertise at the Sept/Oct markets and have a sign-up sheet available. Also have a suggestion box/sheet at the market for ideas on future lecture.

***Old Home Day**

-Old Home days is scheduled for August 26th. Set up is usually at 9am-10:30am, with hours 11-2. We reserved 2 booths and as we are town organization, no payment required. The 2nd booth will be a mini Farmers Market booth. We will look to local farms to sell their produce themselves at the booth. Tear down cannot start before 2pm. Parking will be across the street at the school. Pattie Davis was unable to get a commitment from Envirothon for the soils tent. They don't own the tent, they have people to run the tent, but were not privy to when the tent would be available therefore the tent is no longer an option for Old Home Days. In the meantime, we rented 2 spaces and paid \$50 for the two 10/10 spots. The commission agreed to set up the Community Table in the 2nd stall and sell produce as we do at the Farmers Market. We will invite our produce vendors to provide their produce for sale and we will not take the 10% surcharge as we do at the Farmers Market.

***Historic Barn Program**

- Ken Madden will have a form for the Barn Program and sign-up sheet at the CFM.

New Business

-No new business.

Public Comment

-No Public comments.

Next Meeting: July 6, 2023, Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment

*Chair Matthew Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:39PM, moved by Tom DiMaggio, seconded by Joe Lamarche, all in favor unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by, Darrel Nafranowicz for Robin Vergato, Secretary