



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

FINAL MINUTES

October 5, 2023

Thursday 7:00 PM

Candia Town Hall

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

Commission Alternates present: Debra Cobb, Ken Madden, Alex Cambell, Richard Ascolillo. Excused: Pattie Davis.

Call to Order

*Chair Matthew Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

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

Regular Business

***Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting on September 7, 2023.**

-Moved by Melissa Madden, seconded by Darrel Nafranowicz, passed unanimously.

***Treasurer's Report**

-The account balance is \$4,551.04 and expenditures were reviewed. Approval of the Treasurer's report was moved by Ken Madden and seconded by Tom DiMaggio, passed unanimously.

Public in Attendance

- No Public in attendance.

Old Business

***Update on New Alternates**

-The Board of Selectman approved new alternates Alex Cambell and Richard Ascolillo

***Farmer's Market**

-Attendance and sales were down in September, possibly due to the weather. There was a good turnout. A few vendors called out. The contest winnings were distributed totaling \$755, most of which were from donations.

-There will be more set up needed for the October Farmer's Market. The picnic tables will need to be moved over on Friday night and parking cones will need to be set up. More volunteers are still needed. October will have 53 vendors which is the maximum the space will allow. The types of vendors were reviewed including lunch vendors, JP Eats, Boy scouts cooking hamburgers and hotdogs. There will be a few covered picnic tables. The October Farmer's Market flyer was reviewed. It was suggested that the shifts for the community table be split up. What the community table will be selling was reviewed.

***Lecture Series**

-The apple butter demonstration could be scheduled at the church for November with a \$10 cost.

- Wendy Berry from Lasting Legacy Farm can present on Rodent control the 2nd Tuesday in January at the Library.

-A request has been submitted to Fish and Game for the moose program possibly in February at the Library.

-There is a possible presenter identified for a lecture on fencing.

-Tom DiMaggio has been talking to a contact for a movie night in February to show "Underdog" that focuses on the life of a Vermont dairy farmer. The movie is approximately one hour long. The Agricultural Commission would like to review the movie before making final arrangements. There would be no cost because it is for nonprofit.

-Other possible topics are chickens, soil health.

***Barn Tax Program Update**

-Ron Howe submitted an application to enroll in the program. A reminder letter will be sent out by December stating applications with contact information will need to be submitted by April 15, 2024. It was suggested that the application be put on the Town website. The Barn tax program could be promoted at the Farmer's markets and certain barns could be targeted to enroll.

New Business

-Budget planning will be discussed more at the Agricultural Commission meeting in December.

-Darrel Nafranowicz and Melissa Madden will step in as Chairs for the November meeting as Chair Matthew Cobb will not be in attendance.

-The policies and procedures are being updated for the Farmer's Market.

Public Comment

-No Public comments.

Next Meeting: November 2, 2023, Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment:

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

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