



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

FINAL MINUTES

May 2, 2024

Thursday 7:00 PM

Candia Town Hall

Commission Members present: Chair Matt Cobb, Robin Vergato, Tom DiMaggio, Darrel Nafranowicz, Melissa Madden, Joe Lamarche (arrived at 7:14PM). Excused: Ron Howe.

Commission Alternates present: Pattie Davis, Ken Madden, Alex Campbell. Excused: Richard Ascolillo, 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 March 7, 2023.**

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

***Treasurer's Report**

-The account balance is \$8,065.27. Sponsorships were deposited. Approval of the treasurer's report was moved by Ken Madden and seconded by Darrel Nafranowicz, passed unanimously.

Public in Attendance

- No Public in attendance.

Old Business

***Farmer's Market**

-The Farmer's Market is pretty full with a lot of vendors. A few more vendor applications will be accepted.

- The Agricultural Commission account balance was reviewed per the town report.
- We were unable to get vouchers for veterans due to the Farmer's Market not being held weekly. A proposal was made to give out \$20 gift cards to first 100 veterans at the Farmer's Market in July. They would need to show their veteran's card/ID and there would be a log of who receives the gift cards. It was discussed if the gift cards could be used for alcohol purchases or not. The gift cards would only be given out to customers and not vendors. A motion was made by Melissa Madden to move forward with the gift cards for veterans at the July Farmer's Market, seconded by Tom DiMaggio, passed unanimously.
- The Union Leader currently has voting for "Best in NH", and all are encouraged to vote for the Candia Farmer's Market. People can vote daily until 5/21.
- The photographer for 6/15 has been confirmed.
- Signs will be posted for the Farmer's Markets. Volunteers are needed for SNAP, the kids table, the community table. A sign for this will be posted in Matt Cobb's office.

***Lecture Series**

- The last lecture for 2024 will be on 5/16 at 6:30PM at the town hall and the library is still supporting this event. This will be a presentation on the "State of Birds in NH" by Pam Hunt of the Audubon Society. It will be advertised on the Agricultural Commission website.

***Barn Program**

- Renewal applications have been submitted. The Agricultural Commission reviewed one application to see if the barn qualified (it was approved 10 years ago). A motion was made by Darrel Nafranowicz, seconded by Tom DiMaggio, passed unanimously, for this barn to be approved for 2 years with a condition that the necessary improvements be made to protect and maintain the barn.

***Old Home Day**

- There will not be a mini-Famer's Market this year on Old Home Day. There will be a museum booth with old agriculture-oriented items. Joe Lamarche will head this.

New Business

***School Agriculture Day**

- Pattie Davis attended the school board meeting where it was decided to do an agriculture day again. Thus far no one has offered to head this. It was suggested that a stipend be offered to the person who heads this event. The Agricultural Commission will gather the participants. Pattie Davis will continue to maintain communication with the school board around this event.

- Matt Cobb will investigate town hall room availability as the July Agricultural Commission meeting needs to be rescheduled due to the July 4th holiday.

Public Comment

- No Public comments.

Next Meeting: June 6, 2024, Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment:

*Chair Matt Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:53PM, moved by Ken Madden, seconded by Darrel Nafranowicz, all in favor unanimously.

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