



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

**FINAL MINUTES**

**August 1, 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 7:10PM). Excused: Ron Howe.

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

**Call to Order**

\*Chair Matt Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

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

**Regular Business**

**\*Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting on July 11, 2023.**

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

**\*Treasurer's Report**

-The account balance is \$9252.15. A grant was received from the Young Farmer's Club in the amount of \$500. More grants will be explored. Approval of the treasurer's report was moved by Tom DiMaggio and seconded by Darrel Nafranowicz, passed unanimously.

**Public in Attendance**

- No Public in attendance.

**Old Business**

### **\*Farmer's Market**

-The July Farmer's Market was busy and it was a beautiful day. 34 Veterans attended and received vouchers. The unused remainder of the money for the veteran vouchers was deposited into the Agricultural Commission account. The community table sales of \$2,500 were reviewed. There will be some adjustments made next month, including purchasing less fish for the community table. There was a loss of \$324 for the July Farmer's Market that included some carry over from the June Farmer's Market. Vendors were again pleased with the Farmer's Market. Christmas in July went well for the Artisans. There will be a new baker next month attending as a vendor. Doc Cobb will be sharpening knives in August for attendees. Author Tom DiMaggio will be at next month's Farmer's Market at the community table.

-The SNAP program received a compliment from the person who heads the SNAP programs. It was highlighted that the Candia Farmer's Market was voted the Best Farmer's Market in New Hampshire.

-A Trailer will be purchased for the Farmer's Market related items and sizes/cost were discussed. There was a motion by Darrel Nafranowicz to increase the purchase price of the trailer to \$4,000, seconded by Tom DiMaggio, passed unanimously. The Town said that it is okay to purchase and register a trailer for the Farmer's Market. It will be registered by the Agricultural Commission. It was suggested that a local artist draw a logo on the trailer.

-There does not appear to be more than \$1,000 in expenses remaining for the Farmer's Market this year.

-Posters are ready for next month's Farmer's Market.

-There was a memorial at the July Farmer's Market for Red Gate Farm's John Pogorek.

-For August someone is still needed to pick up the vegetables the morning of the Farmer's Market for the community table.

-More volunteers are needed for September. Judges for the apple pie contest are still needed.

### **\*Barn Program**

-No updates.

### **\*Old Home Day**

-Some antique tools are ready for the event and more antique items are still needed. The Agricultural Commission flier will be updated for Old Home Day. A few tables will be needed.

## **New Business**

### **\*Lamprey River Program**

-This program would be a good topic for one of the lecture series. The Lamprey River Program focuses on protecting water resources.

## **Public Comment**

-No Public comments.

**Next Meeting:** September 5, 2024, Thursday at 7:00PM.

**Adjournment:**

\*Chair Matt Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:57PM, moved by Melissa Madden, seconded by Tom DiMaggio, all in favor unanimously.

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