



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

DRAFT MINUTES

October 3, 2024

Thursday 7:00 PM

Candia Town Hall

Commission Members present: Chair Matthew Cobb, Darrel Nafranowicz, Melissa Madden, Joe Lamarche, Ron Howe. Excused: Robin Vergato, Tom DiMaggio.
Commission Alternates present: Debra Cobb, Richard Ascolillo, Ken Madden, Alex Campbell (arrived 7:13), Pattie Davis (arrived 7:25).

Call to Order

- *Chair Matthew Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.
- *Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Commission Members and Alternates.

Public in Attendance

No public attendance.

Regular Business

- ***Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting June 6, 2024 with edit.**
-Moved by Melissa Madden and seconded by Ron Howe, passed unanimously.
- ***Treasurer's Report**
-Treasurer's report was presented with deposits and expenditures for the Farmers Market, and interest, with a balance of \$5994.74. \$250 additional funds to be deposited from Charmingfare Farm, for their sponsorship of the June farmers market musicians. Additional funds are continuing to come as the vendors spots are filled for the Open House on 11-29-24 Black Friday Charmingfare Farm. Of note, the Town of Candia purchased 4 additional folding picnic tables. Approval of the Treasurer's report was Moved by Joe DiMaggio and seconded by Ron Howe, passed unanimously.

Old Business

- ***Candia Farmer's Market (CFM) Update**
- The open house at Charmingfare Farm has no entrance fee. There will be a charge for Hayrides to the North Pole. John suggested Robyn Vergato be a vendor to sell her book. John

requires proof of insurance coverage for all vendors, no exceptions. Ten vendors have registered for the open house; 5 artisans and 5 food vendors. Melissa has requested approval from the liquor commission to have liquor vendors at the open house.

-62 vendors are signed up for the October Market. 2 bands will be performing. Polka Band and Goats on Tour. Need to confirm the Pierogi vendor's menu for advertising. 7 liquor vendors are registered.

- The Young Farmer Club will be featuring the worm.
- No live animal will be present as the 5-hour long market would be too much.
- The Apple Pie baking contest and kids Pie Eating Contest was a big success.
- Melissa Madden will be speaking to Sue Young regarding the possibility of getting additional electrical outlet (with a lock) set up at the telephone pole for next year.
- Matt Cobb will not be able to attend the Farmers Market in October.

***Barn Program Update**

- The paperwork was submitted to the Selectmen and is awaiting their approval. Once approved the paperwork will be filed with the Registry of Deeds. There is a registry fee and the question was raised as to who pays the fee. The commission will determine if it is the Town of Candia or the Agricultural Commission.

***Lecture Series**

- The pasta maker was not interested in doing a lecture/demonstration. He is working on getting all his licenses and equipment set up.
- Pattie Davis advised there was mild interest in quilting demonstration.
- Lisa Cody has been approached about a sewing demonstration.
- Candle Making was raised as an idea for a demonstration, one of the Farmers Market Vendors may be a viable consideration.
- Our November lecture/Demo will be scheduled for November 16th.
- The January Lecturer will be the NH River Conservation, part of the Great Bay Conservation Commission, presenting on the Lamprey River. The lecture will be geared towards the homeowners and how to avoid causing run off and damaging the wetlands.
- February or March, Nick Karacoudas will be presenting on "12 Dirty Pests". Nontoxic solutions to handle insects and pests.
- Additional possible topics were discussed. Fencing, and contacting Wellscroft as a presenter. Also, a repeat of Manure Management which was previously presented in 2020 via zoom.

***Donations for the Food Pantry**

- Matt Cobb reached out to Mary Beyor however has not been able to make contact. Patti Davis will follow up.

Public Comment

-No Public comments.

Next Meeting: Nov 7, 2024, Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment

*Chair Matthew Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:42PM, moved by Melissa Madden, seconded by Ron Howe, all in favor unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by, Darrel Nafranowicz for Robin Vergato, Secretary