

Town of Candia Agricultural Commission

74 High Street Candia, New Hampshire 03034

FINAL MINUTES

November 7, 2024 Thursday 7:00 PM Candia Town Hall

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

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 7:00PM.
- *Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Commission Members and Alternates.

Regular Business

*Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting on October 3, 2024.

-Moved by Ron Howe, seconded by Melissa Madden, passed unanimously.

*Treasurer's Report

-The account balance is \$7,323.34. Deposits, expenses, and interest were reviewed. Approval of the treasurer's report was moved by Tom DiMaggio and seconded by Robin Vergato, passed unanimously.

Public in Attendance

- No Public in attendance.

Old Business

*Farmer's Market

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*Barn Program

-Paperwork for renewals has been submitted to the Selectman for review next week.

*Lecture Series

- -On 9/26 Fish and Game will be presenting on Bobcats at the Library. This event will be posted on the Agricultural Commission Facebook page.
- -Pattie Davis/Melissa Madden will reach out to a person who does pasta making and see if they can do a presentation in November.
- -Matt Cobb talked with Lamprey River Series to see if they will be able to present in January or February.
- -Matt Cobb talked to Nick Karacoudas to see if he can do a presentation related to crops.
- -Other possible topics include composting, canning, crocheting/knitting, quilting, homesteading.

New Business

*Budget for Next Year

-It was decided there will not be a warrant article submitted requesting money.

*Agriculture Day at the School

-Meg Morenz will be in charge for this event that will be held in the spring of 2025.

*Donations for the Food Pantry

- -It was suggested that attendees at the Farmer's Markets could purchase items from the vendors and donate them to the Candia food pantry.
- -There was a discussion around the Agricultural Commission possibly donating money to the food pantry and requesting that a representative from the Women's Club attend a meeting to talk about their program.
- -There is a NH Grows program that could be promoted to facilitate donations of fresh produce to the food pantry.

*Senior Lunch Program

-There was a discussion around the Agricultural Commission contributing money to the senior lunch program and providing a holiday meal.

Public Comment

-No Public comments.

Next Meeting: October 3, 2024, Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment:

*Chair Matt Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:06PM, moved by Darrel Nafranowicz, seconded by Tom DiMaggio, all in favor unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by, Robin Vergato, Secretary