



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

DRAFT MINUTES

December 5, 2024

Thursday 7:00 PM

Candia Town Hall

Commission Members present: Chair Matt Cobb, Robin Vergato, Tom DiMaggio (arrived at 7:15PM), Melissa Madden, Darrel Nafranowicz. Excused: Joe Lamarche, Ron Howe.

Commission Alternates present: Debra Cobb, Pattie Davis, Ken Madden, Richard Ascolillo. Excused: 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 November 7, 2024.**

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

***Treasurer's Report**

-The account balance is \$7,810.13. There were \$469 in deposits and \$17.89 in interest last month. Approval of the treasurer's report was moved by Darrel Nafranowicz and seconded by Ken Madden, passed unanimously.

Public in Attendance

- Meg Morenz was in attendance and discussed Agriculture Day this year that will be 9AM to noon at the Moore School field with a possible date of May 21st or May 22nd and a possible rain date of May 28th or May 28th. This event is held every other year. Trucks and trailers are allowed to drive on the perimeter of the field. Lunch is provided for the presenters and helpers. A welcome letter will be given to presenters along with a questionnaire and list of what is needed. There will be 15-20 children per group and each group will have 15 minutes

with the presenter. Volunteer parents will be needed the day of the event and background checks will be done. The Agricultural Commission reviewed the list of presenters from past years and determined who will reach out to each person on the list to see if they are interested in participating this year. The goal is to have people who are connected to Agriculture come and talk. There was a discussion around who can attend the event. Anyone interested in presenting should contact Meg.

Old Business

***Farmer's Market**

-The Farmer's Market vendors participated at the Charmingfare Farm Black Friday Open House. It was a great night for the families and children who attended. The vendors did not sell much.

-Applications for next year's Farmer's Markets will be available soon. Most vendors are planning to return.

-The budget for next year's Farmer's Markets is being worked on.

***Barn Program**

-Waiting for the Registry of Deeds to write the easements and for them to be generated.

***Lecture Series**

-Thursday 1/16/24 6:30PM at the library will be Suzanne Peterson from the Lamprey River Advisory Committee presenting on "River and Wetlands Preservation" with a focus on the Lamprey River. Snow Date is 2/20/24.

-Tuesday 2/18/24 7PM at the library (tentative) will be Charlotte Thompson from the UNH Cooperative Extension presenting on "Invasive Plants and How to Best Deal with Them".

-Thursday 3/20/25 7PM at the library will be Nick Karacoudas from Bee Thankful Farm presenting "12 Garden Pests and How to Stop Them".

-Thursday 4/24/25 5:30PM at the Moore Park will be Monadnock Falconry discussing "Falconry" with a live demonstration.

-Thursday 5/22/25 7PM at the library will be William Coroka, MS presenting on "The Brilliant Beaver". The library has offered to pay for this presentation.

-There could be a lecture on Butterflies at some point.

New Business

***Yearend Report**

-A draft of the Agricultural Commission yearend report is being prepared.

Public Comment

-No Public comments.

Next Meeting: January 2, 2024, Thursday at 7:00PM.

Adjournment:

*Chair Matt Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:10PM, moved by Darrel Nafranowicz, seconded by Tom DiMaggio, all in favor unanimously.

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