

Woodstock Agricultural Commission

Regular Meeting, Woodstock Town Hall, 1 pm, Monday, April 15, 2024

Members Present: Linda Auger, Emilie Hebert, Rebecca Hyde, Paul Miller, Richard Norman, Karen Swanberg

Absent: Jon Hermonot, Stewart Morse

Public present: Dan Malo

1. **Call to order** Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm
2. **Seat alternates** Paul Miller was seated
3. **Review of minutes** March 2024 minutes were approved
4. **Public participation** None
6. **Old business**
 - a. **Woodstock Open Space report** Last meeting was canceled
 - b. **P&Z report** Nothing pertinent to agriculture at the moment. Killingly VoAg is doing presentations on solar farms, the pros and cons. The proposed site on Castle Rock Rd includes prime farmland. Permitting for this is handled by the state siting council. There will be a presentation Thursday the 25th at 6 pm at the Thompson Library.
 - c. **Farm Store Definition** No further discussion
 - d. **American Farmland Trust Grant** Networking and organization continues
 - e. **Private land access** Emilie has been researching signage. Can be expensive.
Motion: To purchase up to 25 18x25 corrugated plastic signs, spending up to \$300. Signs will say "This is a private Farm. Please respect our animals and property. NO TRESPASSING". **All in favor.**
 - f. **Farm tax exemption** No update
 - g. **Woodstock Agricultural Taste Trail** No further discussion
 - h. **Thompson Ag Commission** They have not met recently
 - i. **Other** None
7. **New business**
 - a. **State of Ct Ag Report** Ag at the Capital, very busy
 - b. **Other** None

8. Announcements None

9. Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 2:17 PM

Rebecca Hyde, Secretary

(These minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting of the full Commission.)