

Woodstock Agricultural Commission

Regular Meeting, Town Hall, 1 pm, Monday, July 19, 2021

Members Present: Rebecca Hyde, Richard Norman, Paul Miller, Linda Auger, Emilie Hebert, Doug Young

Absent: Stewart Morse, Jon Hermonot

Public Present: Joe Emenheiser, UConn Extension Services. Amy Monahan, Senexet Grange.

1. **Call to order.** Meeting called to order at 1:03 pm.

2. **Seat alternates.** Linda Auger was seated.

3. **Review of minutes.** May 2021 minutes were approved.

4. **Public participation.** None

5. **UConn Animal Science.** Joe described his work. Teaches but 75% of his time is spent on extension work, much of it with dairies. Goals are livestock industry economic development, and meat quality improvement.

6. Old business

a. **WOLSLAFP report.** None.

b. **P&Z report.** Aug 8 Ag issues may be taken up. Although the state has just come down with a lot of required changes to the regulations and they'll be busy with those for a while.

c. **Tax abatement ordinance.** Progressing slowly to a Town Meeting.

d. **Alternate for open space** no ordinance yet, which is needed for an alternate system

e. **Other.** None

7. New business

a. **Update WDSTK Grow Amy Monahan** Woodstock Celebrates Locally Grown day coming together, August 14th. list of farms will be updated by next season.

b. **Celebrating Agriculture.** Sept 25th. Going ahead.

c. **State of CT Ag Report.** Legislation session ended. Truck tax got through, up to 17 cents a mile, trucks over 26,000 pounds will be affected. Except milk trucks up to 99,000.

d. **Other. Review of assessor's map 5707.** This map covers upper English Neighborhood Rd and Brickyard Rd, parts of Lebanon Hill Rd, Ide Perrin, Pond View and Pond Factory Rds. Solaire and Pond Factory have densely populated areas, most of the rest of the roads are lined by lots, some larger internal plots are owned by people from out of town. Just a few small areas of prime farmland and a fair amount of woods.

8. **Announcements.** None

9. **Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 2:07.

Rebecca Hyde, Secretary

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