

# Woodstock Agricultural Commission

Regular Meeting, Town Hall, 1 pm, Monday, May 16, 2022

**Members Present:** Linda Auger, Emilie Hebert, Rebecca Hyde, Paul Miller, Stewart Morse, Richard Norman

**Absent:** Doug Young, Jon Hermonot

**Public Present:** Eleanore Provencal, Amy Monahan, Karen Swanberg

**1. Call to order** Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm

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

**3. Review of minutes** April 2022 minutes were approved

**4. Public participation**

**6. Old business**

**a. WOSLAPC report.** Morgans are interested in a small piece of the town-owned land on Quarry Rd so that's under discussion.

**b. P&Z report** Affordable housing plan was passed.

**c. Other**

**7. New business**

**a. Other Windham County Towns Ag Commissions** No recent visits. Thompson has been busy with P&Z problems, the Board was almost dissolved.

**b. Affordable Housing** see above

**d. Ag Zoning Ideas** Discussion of housing for farm workers. Need is not currently urgent, one can have 2 trailers on the farm for employee housing. P&Z is engaging in more discussion on regulating or defining ag-related businesses. Good to remind them of the benefits of our farms, in productivity and land-use, and keep a focus on that. Next meeting May 19, biz meeting, including a preliminary discussion with Echo Farms about permit requirements.

**e. State of CT Ag Report** nothing to report

**f. Woodstock land map review** Map 7280 was discussed, including Valleyside Farm.

**g. Other.** Celebrating Ag will take place as usual at the Fair grounds, with a contract promised next month. There were some changes during the last annual meeting of the Woodstock Ag Society, so the contract process should be easier this year. Lumber jacks will be back! Next meeting is the 2nd Friday of the month at the Brewery.

**7. Announcements.** 7 pm BoF meeting tonight to tweak the budget before another referendum.

**8. Adjourn** The meeting adjourned at 2:02

Rebecca Hyde, Secretary

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