

Woodstock Agricultural Commission

Regular Meeting, Town Hall, 1 pm, Monday, July 18, 2022

Members Present: Emilie Hebert, Jon Hermonot, Rebecca Hyde, Stewart Morse, Richard Norman

Absent: Linda Auger, Paul Miller, Doug Young

Public Present: Grace Jacobsen, Karen Swanberg, Megan Hebert, Amy Monahan, Pam Minella

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

2. Seat alternates Jon Hermonot was seated

3. Review of minutes June 2022 minutes were approved

4. Public participation None

6. Old business

a. WOSLAPC report. Still working on the Quarry Rd property question.

b. P&Z report. Town is looking for a new ZEO with related duties. Small farm retail operations continue to receive home occupation permits.

c. Other

7. New business

a. Other Windham County Towns Ag Commissions no report

b. Ag Zoning Ideas/Questions General discussion, agreed to look at the definition of “farm store” especially whether it is defined in the state statutes.

1. Is the Commission looking to restrict and regulate farm stores/stands in Town?

2. Will the process of restricting and regulating interfere with the town ordinance, the Right to Farm?

3. Does the commission see a problem with the current farm store/stands?

4. Does the commission foresee issues with farm stores/stands in the farming community?

c. Celebrating Ag. Not happening this year.

d. Woodstock Grange Program. Aug 6. Time to promote. Accepting vendors right up to the date. Can do events on farm, dont have to be all day. Vendors selling goods will be at Chase Building Supply. Grange Fair, where you enter items and get prizes, will be upstairs at the Grange Hall.

e. State of CT Ag Report Not much going on. The CT Farm Bureau’s Young Farmers Committee is having their pig roast at Pleasant View farm in Somers on Aug 7th.

f. Woodstock land map review Tabled

g. Other. Amy Monahan passed out a list of agricultural operations in town. This hasn't been published but is in review right now.

7. Announcements. None

8. Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 1:40.

Rebecca Hyde, Secretary

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