

# Woodstock Agricultural Commission

Regular Meeting, Town Hall, 1 pm, Monday, November 21, 2022

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

**Absent:** Jon Hermonot, Doug Young

**Public Present:** Grace Jacobsen, Karen Swanberg, Pam Minella

**1. Call to order** Meeting called to order at 1:04 pm

**2. Seat alternates** Paul Miller was seated

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

**4. Public participation** None

**5. Old business**

**a. WOSLAPC report.** No meeting this month.

**b. P&Z report.** No report.

**c. 4-H report.** There is one active club in town. Next year we could help publicize the annual fair.

**d. Ag Zoning Ideas/Questions.** Emilie made copies of references to farming and agriculture in the zoning regulations. The definition of farm is "A parcel of land used for agricultural activities." A good definition of farm store is needed to pave the way for a simple application for a farm store permit. Page 68 states "The ZEO may approve or deny Zoning Permit applications for agricultural uses..."

**e. Other** Celebrating Agriculture 2023 will be held at the Brooklyn Fair Grounds.

Earlier this month, the annual open house for 8th graders interested in the Killingly VoAg program was held.

**7. New business**

**a. State of CT Ag Report.** The truck mileage tax continues to be an issue, as milk trucks are only exempted when full of milk.

**b. Woodstock land map review** Map 5787. 326 parcels, due to the Witches Woods development. Area includes a tree farm, some hay fields, some woods that are actively managed. The proposed gas station will be built soon.

**c. Other.** None

**7. Announcements.** None

**8. Adjourn** The meeting adjourned at 2:20.

Rebecca Hyde, Secretary

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