

Woodstock Agricultural Commission

Regular Meeting, Town Hall, 1 pm, Monday, April 17, 2023

Members Present: Emilie Hebert, Rebecca Hyde, Paul Miller, Stewart Morse, Richard Norman, Karen Swanberg

Absent: Linda Auger, Jon Hermonot

Public present: Grace Jacobson

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

2. **Seat alternates** Paul Miller seated

3. **Review of minutes** February 2023 minutes were approved

4. **Public participation** None

5. **Old business**

a. **WOSLAPC report** No March mtg, April routine.

b. **P&Z report** P&Z had an interesting preliminary discussion regarding Treehouse producing beer on their woodstock property, which highlighted some ag-tivity issues

c. **Farm Store Definition** no progress

d. **SAE Opportunities** no report

e. **Celebrate Agriculture 2023** plans are going forward. May want to print some of Amy Monahan's flyers on Woodstock agriculture. Sept 23, Brooklyn Fairgrounds.

f. **Other** Woodstock has 8 students in Killing VoAg, then 4 accepted for next year. They're canceling the large animal program, will only teach small and companion animals. They can take up to 60 students a year and they fill that. They pull from 12 towns.

6. **New business**

a. **State of CT Ag Report** Joe Courtney signed on as a sponsor of the whole milk bill. And he put in another bill to nix non-dairy use of the word 'milk'.

b. **Woodstock land map review** Map 5128. 125 parcels, Center Rd south of 197 around to Hager, 197 from Center up to Andrews, Town Farm Rd, etc. 25 sales in the last 3 yrs. Taylor Brooke headwaters. Elevated 650 to 850 ft. A few farm fields. The farm on Hager Rd is in probate and there's a farm equipment sale, land likely to go to the highest bidder.

c. **Other** Woodstock Fair is having a goat show this year. But the horse show will likely be canceled. No chickens due to concerns about avian flu.

7. **Announcements** IWWA approved several timber harvests. There is a new animal control business in town specializing in beaver control.

8. **Adjourn** The meeting adjourned at 2:05

Rebecca Hyde, Secretary

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