

Woodstock Agricultural Commission

Regular Meeting, Town Hall, 1 pm, Monday, September 20, 2021

Members Present: Emilie Hebert, Jon Hermonot, Rebecca Hyde, Paul Miller, Richard Norman, Doug Young

Absent: Stewart Morse, Linda Auger

Public Present: Amy Monahan, Senexet Grange; Grace Jacobsen (Conservation C)

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

2. Seat alternates. Jon Hermonot was seated

3. Review of minutes. August 2021 minutes were approved

4. Public participation. None

5. Old business

a. WOLSLAFP report. Alternate proposal has been put on an October special town meeting agenda.

b. P&Z report. Just a brief mtg in September.

c. Alternate for open space. See 5a

d. Senexet Grange programs. Next talk is September 30, "Manure and Nutrient Management for Small Farms." 6:30-7:45 pm online via Zoom or in person, with limited seating, at the Grange, 628 Route 169.

e. Other

6. New business

a. Celebrating Agriculture. Sept 25th. Farm tours are set up, 7 tractors with drivers. No chain sawing, logs, sawmill etc — no forestry exhibit.

b. Other Windham County Towns Ag Commissions. Stewart is visiting other towns' commissions. He attended Plainfield and Lebanon so far. Plainfield has no dairy farms left in town, they are dealing with industrial expansion in town. Lebanon has a flowing zone for ag tourism, they run yearly surveys of town people to see what and how they see and support AG. Has 3-4 members who are also on the P&Z, they are a combined conservation and ag comm.

c. State of CT Ag Report. Some bills afoot to allow whole milk in the schools. Working to get some school board support on this too. Woodstock doesn't take any apples or peaches any more, used to take 10 bushels a week.

d. Woodstock land map review. 5703. Runs from 169 east past Prospect, includes Green Rd and a good run of Muddy Brook. Includes Sherman farm and Rich's and Kuper's farmland.

e. Other

7. Announcements.

8. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:46 pm.

Rebecca Hyde, Secretary

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