

# Woodstock Agricultural Commission

Regular Meeting, Town Hall, 1 pm, Monday, January 10, 2022

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

**Absent:** Doug Young, Emilie Hebert, Jon Hermonot

**Public Present:** Amy Monahan, Senexet Grange. Eleanore Provencal. Joy Tyler, UCONN extension. Grace Jacobson, WCC.

1. **Call to order.** Meeting called to order at 1:03 pm
2. **Seat alternates.** Linda Auger and Paul Miller were seated
3. **Review of minutes.** December 2021 minutes were approved
4. **Treasurer's report.** Requesting another \$500 for this year, so moved by all present.
5. **Joy Tyler, Local Food Ambassador, UCONN Extension.** Works to establish relationships between farmers and residents. There are about 130 farms, 14 farmers market, and 250,000 residents in the area they cover. (Hebron to Thompson, Sterling to Union). They emphasize freshness, nutrition, flavor, color. Tools for farms: one is the publication A Guide to Farm Fresh Food in Northeastern CT. They only include farms that sell directly to consumers, and nothing with alcohol. Also working on branding "Grown Connected, Your Community of Farmers in Northeast Conn." yellow color. Also web site, trainings, events, a Winter Gift Guide, etc. Funded thru a grant from the USDA with a match from the State.
6. **Old business**
  - a. **WOSLAFF report.** Emilie is our designated alternate, next is Bd of Selectmen approval, if needed.
  - b. **P&Z report.** Nothing on this for now. Last one was cancelled.
  - c. **Other**
7. **New business**
  - a. **Open Space Valuation.** The Selectmen haven't responded to this issue recently. Going forward, it may be best to concentrate on educating landowners as to their options. Possibly a September educational event.
  - b. **Other Windham County Towns Ag Commissions.** Nothing new here.
  - c. **State of CT Ag Report.** Nothing here, things are quiet.
  - d. **Extension Educator Support Letter.** Stewart drafted a letter of support and will send it out. All in agreement. See last month's minutes.
  - e. **Woodstock land map review.** Tabled.
  - f. **Other**

**8. Announcements.** None

**9. Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 1:58.

Rebecca Hyde, Secretary

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