

Woodstock Agricultural Commission

Regular Meeting, Town Hall, 1 pm, Monday, November 22, 2021

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

Absent: Doug Young, Emilie Hebert

Public Present: Amy Monahan, Senexet Grange. Grace Jacobson, Eleanore Provencal, Stuart Peaslee

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

2. Seat alternates. Paul Miller and Jon Hermonot were seated

3. Review of minutes. October 2021 minutes were approved

4. Public participation. None

5. Old business

a. WOSLAFP report. We can appoint an alternate to represent us on the Commission. No one has volunteered thus far.

b. P&Z report. Had a planning mtg. Working on agtourism regs, handout available.

c. Senexet Grange programs. 4 farm-related programs done now. Success and thanks.

6. New business

a. Open Space Valuation. The value of \$600 per acre quoted in previous minutes is an assessed value, the appraised value currently applied is \$850, which is equivalent to the state's farm schedule for Tillable D land. There is a petition being circulated to take the valuation issue to a town meeting. Copies were distributed.

b. Milk letter. A letter was sent to our Congressional delegation supporting whole milk in the schools.

c. Other Windham County Towns Ag Commissions. No new visits this month. Oakridge Dairy in Ellington has broken ground on an anaerobic digester to produce gas for sale.

c. State of CT Ag Report.

d. Woodstock land map review. Tabled.

e. Other

7. Announcements. Eleanore Provencal is working on a grant to facilitate local egg purchases by local schools.

8. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:01.

Rebecca Hyde, Secretary

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