

Woodstock Agricultural Commission

Regular Meeting, Town Hall, Room A, 1 pm, Monday, February 11, 2019

Members Present: Stewart Morse, Richard Norman, Paul Miller, Rebecca Hyde. **Absent:** Linda Auger, Doug Young, Jon Hermonot, Lynn Weaver

Public Present: Grace Jacobsen

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

2. Seat alternates Richard Norman moved to seat Paul Miller as a full member, Rebecca Hyde seconded, **All in favor.**

3. Review of January 2019 minutes: Paul Miller motioned to approve the January minutes as presented, Richard Norman seconded, **all in favor.**

4. Public participation. Grace Jacobsen mentioned the salt contamination from the state salt shed appears to be spreading.

5. Old business

a. WOLSLAFP report. The state pulled their participation in one of the parcels. No meeting this month.

b. P&Z subcommittee report. On the 15th the subdivision regulation changes will be ratified. A number of openings will be coming up in this next election.

c. Other.

6. New business

a. Ordinance Review. The Selectmen are reviewing the requested changes.

b. 2019 Program. Joan hasn't gotten back on possible topics. Past suggestions for topics included development and agriculture, or promoting ag. The Advocate is running a program on town ordinances as they affect agriculture. Climate change and agriculture is under scrutiny at the moment. We will pick something next month.

c. Woodstock Land Map Grid Review. Map 6391. This section runs along the Pomfret border roughly from the west part of W Quasset Rd over to where Quarry Rd is close to the border. North to parcels around Cutler Hill Rd. Includes the intersection formed by Hearthstone, Nightengale, Quarry, and 2 sections of New Sweden Rd. The Timberland Drive development (2005) is included, with 6 small parcels and 6 acres of open space. The town's acreage around Quarry Rd, protected open space, is here. There is a large area of land unbroken by roads, filled with 10-20 acre landlocked lots, old wood lots presumably. The

topography rises from 600 ft above sea level to 860 on Daven Hill. There are a string of swamps and beaver ponds leading down to Nightengale Brook in Pomfret, which eventually heads to Mashmoquet and the Quinebaug. Water on the west side drains toward the west. There is prime farmland along New Sweden and a bit east of there.

7. Announcements / Other

The owners of Treehouse Brewery have bought Devon Point Farm. Stewart will draft a welcome letter to them and invite them to come to a meeting.

8. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Hyde, Secretary

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