

Woodstock Agricultural Commission

Regular Meeting, Town Hall, Room A, 1 pm, Monday, August 19, 2019

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

Public Present: Grace Jacobsen, Fred Rich, Judy Buell, Emilie Hebert

1. **Call to order** Meeting called to order at 1 pm.
2. **Seat alternates** Jon Hermonot was seated as a full member.
3. **Review of July 2019 minutes** The July minutes were approved as presented.
4. **Public participation**

Judy Buell and Emily Hebert stated that they are exploring permitting issues related to their ice cream and farm products stand, Buck's Soft Serve. Fred Rich said that Planning & Zoning is sorting out possible approaches to regulating farm stands. He sees a key issue as the difference between a farm stand and a farm store.

5. Old business

- a. **WOLSLAFP report** No report.
- b. **P&Z report** The P&Z committee is having some changes in membership, and will be working through some issues this fall related to retail activities on farms.
- c. **Other** None

6. New business

- a. **2019 Program** Kip Kolesinskas will be presenting on agriculture and climate change on November 12th. Paul Miller requested that the presentation include issues of regulation — who controls it and reg's are already in place or may be put in place.

The Conservation Commission is interested in co-sponsoring a talk on opportunities to grow American Chestnuts supervised by the CT chapter to the American Chestnut Foundation. They will get back to us on possible dates.

- b. **Vending Ordinance** The Town Clerk requested that we look at the Vending Ordinance currently included in the Town Ordinances, as it was passed in the early 70s and may need updating.

- c. **Woodstock Land Map Grid Review** Map 5789 was reviewed. This is on the Western border of town straddling 171 where it enters from the West, and borders 198 on the East. It also includes part of Crystal Pond Rd. There are 366 acres owned by

Yale University. There are 47 parcels. Woodstock Tower Partners LLC (Kevin Reagan of Pomfret et al) own 128 acres (37/24) west of Lake Bungee, which received permission in June of 2012 to erect a 110 foot monopole to provide AT&T with coverage in the area. It includes an 800 ft high hill — the Still River runs at 650 ft. 37/ 08, 09 and 10 are parcels affected by the state salt shed contamination. These are 252, 260 and 264 Route 198 and were all under assessment appeals in the spring. There are two parcels with commercial activity, one has the Stoggy Hollow store. 37 / 16, 16A and 32A are all owned by 150 Acre Wood (Michael Farley).

7. Announcements None

8. Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 2:15.

Rebecca Hyde, Secretary

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