

Woodstock Agricultural Commission

Regular Meeting, Town Hall, Room A, 1 pm, Monday, November 25, 2019

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

Public Present: Grace Jacobsen, Emilie Hebert

1. Call to order. Meeting called to order at 1 pm.
2. Seat alternates. Paul Miller was seated as a full member.
3. Review of October 2019 minutes. The October minutes were approved as presented.
4. Public participation. None
5. Old business

a. WOLSLAFP report. Working to change their permitting ordinance so that they can have alternates, such as for the representative from other committees and boards.

b. P&Z report. The second preliminary discussion with Treehouse Brewery took place. 80 people turned out. Looking to sell malt beverages. Was previously stated as hard cider. They don't plan to use Pulpit Rock Rd. The CT Dept of Ag has approved changes so far.

P&Z will be having a Special Meeting on the 5th to discuss Farm Stands, Agriculture, etc.

Meanwhile, the ZEO is issuing Home Occupation Permits for small farm operations. We need to push that the state agriculture definition is adhered to, in Woodstock regs if you're agriculture you should be able to get a building permit and then do what you want. The tricky part is the definition of agriculture.

c. 2019 Program review, Agriculture & Climate Change. Went well. Rebecca will send thank you notes.

6. New business

a. Joint program with the Conservation Commission. Grace will invite Jack Swatt for a talk on chestnuts on Wed Feb 12th.

b. Woodstock Land Map Grid Review Map 5175. Includes the old Corbin Rd. And part of the large holdings of the State of CT. Small amounts of prime agricultural land.

c. Set Dates for Meeting with P&Z to talk about agriculture. Will take this up after the Special Meeting coming up.

d. Other.

7. Announcements. The Selectmen have been reminded about the change to the Tax Abatement ordinance.

8. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:38.

Rebecca Hyde, Secretary

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

