

# Woodstock Agricultural Commission

Regular Meeting, Town Hall, Room A, 1 pm, Monday, January 14, 2019

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

**Public Present:** none

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

**2. Seat alternates** Lynn Weaver moved to seat Linda Auger as a full member, Richard Norman seconded, **All in favor.**

**3. Review of December 2018 minutes:** Richard Norman motioned to approve the December minutes as presented, Linda Auger seconded, **all in favor.**

**4. Public participation.**

**5. Old business**

**a. WOLSLAFP report.** There are 3 projects covering about 409 acres with 2 more in the wind. There's a vote coming up to appropriate funds for surveying one property.

**b. P&Z subcommittee report.** After 3 public hearings and 2 more special meetings to review the submitted comments, a change was made to the 'minor' subdivision option to make it 1-3 instead of 1-4 lots. If there's already a house, that means 2 additional lots. The proposal was passed with this change, effective Feb 15, 2019, pending legal approval. Another major change is a reduction in the curb cut from 1,000 feet to 250 feet.

**c. Other.** None

**6. New business**

**a. Ordinance Review.** Now that the motion is approved (see Dec minutes), Rebecca will make sure the Selectmen get a copy.

**b. 2019-2020 Budget.** Moved to request the same budget as last year. Lynn Weaver moved, Richard Norman seconded, **All in favor.**

**c. Woodstock Land Map Grid Review.** Map 6393. This runs along the Pomfret border and includes Wappaquasset Lake and farmland to the west of there. 920 acres, 600 in 490. Large landowners include Thomas Davis, Melissa Kowal, Jeff Koehl, Edward Lazur and

family, Quasset Hill Farm. Tufts Veterinary has 25 acres. The Toths have goats, Jeff Koehl has alpacas. The farmland is hayed by Millers and a few others. Includes swamp, beaver ponds, not a lot of woods. The lake is about 560 feet above sea level, the highest point is about 710. Wyndham Land Trust owns 2 acres. The lake is manmade.

## **7. Announcements / Other**

Time to start planning our annual presentation / seminar. Paul Miller was talking with Joe Courtney about sessions on what's important to the agricultural community, to give feedback on what might be done on a Federal level. And possibly on the State level, too, since we'll likely be getting a new commissioner. And the CFB would be involved too.

Lynn Weaver suggests we ask Joan Nichols if there's a hot button issue that they'll be presenting on. Perhaps hemp for medicinal oil.

## **8. Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned 2:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Hyde, Secretary

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