

# **WOODSTOCK OPEN SPACE LAND ACQUISITION AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**October 11, 2018**

## **Minutes**

Members present: C. Adams, J. Stefanik, S. Morse, D. Adiletta, G. French.

Absent: R. Blodget, C. Pacquet, R. Gale, G. Lessig

- 1) Call to order at 7:05.
- 2) The minutes of the August meeting were approved as written on a motion by J. Stefanik.
- 3) No correspondence.
- 4) No public comment.
- 5) Old Business:
  - a) Budget Update - The request to transfer unspent money in the OSLAFPC operating budget to the acquisition fund was denied and the money was transferred to the general fund.
  - b) Public recognition plaque expected to be ready next week. We will work with town hall to coordinate a public event with preservation partners and land owners.
  - c) The Committee entered executive session on a motion by S. Morse, seconded by G. French at 7:15. The Committee ended executive session on a motion by J. Stefanik, seconded by C. Adams at 7:15
  - d) Celebrating Agriculture contains to be one of the most effective ways for us to talk to individual town members and answer their questions about land preservation options. S. Morse stated the benefits of being able to discuss the importance of CT agriculture with visiting, federal, state and local politicians.
- 6) New Business:
  - a) Spalding Farm PDR closed, protecting 82 acres. This was a project important to the late Avis Spalding and the Committee expressed appreciation to the family for their patience in pursuing this. J. Stefanik noted this is the 16<sup>th</sup> farm successfully protected in Woodstock for a total of 1,765 acres.
  - b) Calendar for 2019-2020. Regular meetings will continue to be held on the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.
  - c) Budget for FY2019-2020. Preliminary discussions began. Estimated costs and estimated timing of expenses will be presented at next meeting.
- 7) Committee Reports – C. Adams reported on Conservation Commission activities including the review of proposed P&Z changes to the Open-Space Sub-Division regulations. S. Morse reported

on Agriculture Committee activities including their most recently sponsored panel discussion on agri-tourism.

- 8) This Committee wishes to honor the late Dave Hosmer for his many years of dedicated volunteer service to the town of Woodstock including 15 years as a member of this Committee. We all miss you and your input.
- 9) Motion to adjourn by J. Stefanik seconded by G. French. Meeting adjourned at 7:50

The next meeting to be November 8th, 2018 7:00pm at the Woodstock Town Hall.

These minutes are not considered final till approved.

Submitted by G. French, Secretary