

**WOODSTOCK OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND ACQUISITION
COMMITTEE**

MONTHLY MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to order and attendance:** D.Adiletta called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present were D.Adiletta, S.Blodgett, R.Gale, A.Monahan, S.Morse and C.Paquette
2. **Appointing alternates as needed:** none
3. **Minutes: Approval of November 2023 minutes:** minutes were reviewed and accepted.
4. **Public comment or questions:** none
5. **Committee reports:** S.Morse (Agricultural Commission) provided an update regarding proposed legislation related to farm abatements. A.Monahan (Recreation Commission) reported on a very successful Winter Festival and the upcoming basketball program. She added that the Economic Development Commission was busy working on several projects. C.Paquette (Board of Selectmen) stated that the Board has approved a tax freeze on the elderly, which would apply to 82 town residents. The tax freeze will need approval at a town meeting before it can go into effect. S.Blodgett (Planning & Zoning Commission) reported that the Commission recently approved a three-lot subdivision on Plaine Hill Road. They are also beginning the process of updating the town's Plan of Conservation and Development. D.Adiletta stated that the State's Department of Agriculture has completed its revisions for preserving small farms.

6. **Preliminary budget discussions:** The Board of Selectmen requested that the Committee submit a budget containing no increase in funds. The Committee recommended requesting the same amount as they did for FY 23/24.
7. **Executive Session to discuss ongoing preservation projects:** a motion to enter Executive Session was made by S.Morse and seconded by R.Gale at 7:41; motion approved. A motion to exit Executive Session was made by S.Morse and seconded by R.Gale at 7:48; motion approved
8. **Adjourn:** the meeting was adjourned at 7:49
9. **Next meeting:** scheduled for January 11, 2024

*Respectfully submitted by Syd Blodgett, Secretary and Vice-Chair.
DISCLAIMER: These minutes have not yet been approved by the
Woodstock Open Space & Farmland Acquisition Committee. Please refer
to next month's meeting for approval/amendments.*