

Open Space and Farmland Acquisition Committee Minutes

Thursday, July 14, 2022

7:00 pm

Woodstock Town Hall Room B

1. **Call to order:** Chairman Dawn Adiletta called meeting to order at 6:59 pm
 - a. **Members Present:** Dawn Adiletta, Crystal Adams, Amy Monahan, Emilie Hebert, Chandler Paquette, Charlene Perkins Cutler, Roger Gale, George French
 - b. **Others Present:** Jay Swan, Ray & Pam Morgan
2. **Appointing Alternates as Needed**
 - a. Roger Gale made a ***Motion** to appoint Emilie Hebert as voting member. ***Seconded** by Chandler Paquette. ***The motion passed unanimously.**
3. **Approve Minutes from meeting on June 9, 2022**
 - a. ***Motion** made by Roger Gale to approve and adopt the minutes from meeting held on June 9, 2022. ***Seconded** by Emilie Hebert. ***Motion passed unanimously** with amendment that Jay Swan was present for the June 9, 2022 Meeting.
4. **Public Comment or Questions**
 - a. None
5. **Celebrating Agriculture**
 - a. Celebrating Agriculture has been cancelled for this year. The event will return in the future with a different location. Jay Swan commented on the well-chosen words in the statement made by Celebrating Agriculture representative Heather Allen.
6. **Wyndham Land Trust/Quarry Road**
 - a. There is no update at this time.
 - b. Amy Monahan will resend Quarry Road questions list to Crystal Adams.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Dawn Adiletta shared the current finance report fund balance with the committee.
 - b. Crystal Adams shared that the Conservation Commission recently donated funds to a Girl Scout project to create a pollinator garden at Roseland Park. The Conservation Commission will be participating at the upcoming Locally Grown Day event on August 6th.
 - c. Emilie Hebert shared that the Agricultural Commission is continuing to discuss permitting concerns and the ZEO Ashely Stephens attended the last meeting. They also discussed possibilities of Celebrating Agriculture in the future.
 - d. Chandler Paquette shared that the Board of Selectmen will be starting on Phase 2 ARPA funding as soon as the funds are received by the Town of Woodstock.
 - e. Amy Monahan shared that the Recreation Department has many current summer programs and events including the Twilight Summer Concert Series and multiple recreation sports programs. The Recreation Commission is starting to work on Winter Festival plans as well.
8. **Executive Session to Discuss Ongoing Preservation Projects**

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- a. The committee discussed eligible sizes for open space programs as it is always looking for additional conservation land. It was noted that there are state programs for as little as 12 acres.
- b. Roger Gale made a ***Motion** to enter executive session. ***Seconded** by Crystal Adams. ***The motion passed unanimously.** The commission entered executive session at 7:17 pm.
- c. Roger Gale made a ***Motion** to exit executive session. ***Seconded** by Chandler Paquette. ***The motion passed unanimously.** The commission exited executive session at 7:50 pm.

9. Adjournment

- a. ***Motion** made by Crystal Adams to Adjourn. ***Seconded** by Charlene Perkins Cutler. ***The motion passed unanimously.** Meeting Adjourned at 7:51 pm

Respectfully submitted by Amy Monahan. DISCLAIMER: These minutes have not yet been approved by the Open Space and Farmland Acquisition Committee. Please refer to next month's meeting for approval/amendments.