

# WOODSTOCK OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022 AT 7:00 PM

## MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Attendance:** D.Adlietta called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present were C.Adams, D.Adiletta, S.Blodgett, C.Cutler, G.French, R.Gale, A.Monahan, S.Morse and C.Paquette
2. **Appointing Alternates as Needed:** None seated.
3. **Minutes:** Minutes from the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved.
4. **Public Comment or Questions:** Mr. Ray Morgan, owner of property adjacent to Town of Woodstock land on the north side of Quarry Road, discussed his interest in the potential transfer of ownership of the town-owned property.
5. **Committee Reports:** C.Adams (Conservation Commission) provided an update on Eversource's tree cutting efforts in order to minimize power outages from falling roadside trees. A public meeting with Eversource representatives will be forthcoming. S.Morse (Agricultural Commission) stated that they have been drafting modifications to the Planning & Zoning Commission's regulations. C.Paquette (Board of Selectmen) mentioned that they have been addressing citizens' concerns specific to the budget and Prop 46. A public meeting will be held in January. A.Monahan (Recreation Commission) reported that the Winter Festival will be happening shortly, and the Recreation Director Erin Lucas is continuing to work on after-school programs. S.Blodgett (Planning & Zoning) reported that a few small residential subdivisions are currently being reviewed, along with proposed improvements to Center Cemetery Road.

**6. Review of proposed ordinance for conveying town owned properties**

D.Adiletta distributed a draft revised version of the existing ordinance. The intent of the revisions is to provide a clear policy and procedure for such conveyances. A complete inventory of town owned properties, along with those properties currently not on the tax roll, would be helpful in revising the ordinance. However, the time and effort required in developing such an inventory may not be practicable.

**7. Budget proposal 23/24.** A budget of \$50,000.00 for land purchases and \$1,000.00 for administrative services was unanimously approved.

**8. Executive Session to discuss on-going preservation projects:** A motion to enter Executive Session was made and seconded at 7:58; motion approved. A motion to exit Executive Session was made and seconded at 8:08; motion approved.

**9. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

**10. Next meeting:** January 12, 2023