

**WOODSTOCK OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE
MONTHLY MEETING**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023 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, G.French, R.Gale, A.Monahan, S.Morse and C.Paquette
- 2. Appointing Alternates as Needed:** None seated.
- 3. Minutes:** Minutes from the December 8th meeting were reviewed and approved.
- 4. Public Comment or Questions:** None.
- 5. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary:** D.Adiletta graciously accepted the role of Chair for yet another year. S.Blodgett will continue As Vice-Chair and Secretary for 2023.
- 6. Committee Reports:** C.Adams (Conservation Commission) provided an update on Eversource's tree cutting efforts. A public meeting will be held on January 18th regarding their Resiliency Program. Bill Rathbone, Woodstock's Tree Warden, will be invited to the program. A.Monahan (Recreation Commission) reported that programs for the spring and summer season are being planned, along with exploring alternative sources of funding for various programs. S.Morse (Agricultural Commission) stated that they have been discussing the "Supervised Agricultural Experience" program, and that Ms. Heather Lopez spoke to the Commission last month. S.Blodgett (Planning & Zoning) reported that they have

been addressing Center Cemetery Road improvements, cannabis regulations and bed & breakfasts. C.Paquette (Board of Selectmen) mentioned that the Selectmen will be participating in upcoming meetings with other boards primarily regarding financial challenges which the town is facing.

7. Update on proposed ordinance for conveying town owned properties

The list of town-owned properties will be updated and distributed before the next meeting. C.Adams has been in touch with town attorney R.Roberts concerning the ownership of private properties which have not paid taxes. S.Morse made a motion (and seconded by R.Gale) that the Board of Selectmen process requests regarding the disposal of town-owned properties which are less than ½ acre in size. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. Budget proposal 23/24. A budget of \$50,000.00 for land purchases and \$1,000.00 for administrative services was submitted to the Board of Selectmen along with a cover letter.

9. Executive Session to discuss on-going preservation projects: A motion to enter Executive Session was made and seconded at 7:35; motion approved. A motion to exit Executive Session was made and seconded at 7:37; motion approved.

10. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:38.

11. Next meeting: February 9, 2023