

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 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, C.Cutler, G.French, R.Gale, A.Monahan (departed at 7:30), S.Morse and C.Paquette
- 2. Minutes:** The July meeting minutes were not available for review; there was no August meeting
- 3. Open-Space Ordinance Amendment:** A motion was made and approved to take this item out of order (#6 on the agenda). The amendment to the ordinance would allow for the following two changes, as recommended by the town's attorney: (1) allow an alternate member to participate, as needed, on this Committee, and (2) remove the representative from the Historic Properties Committee. The motion was made by A.Monahan, seconded by S.Morse, and unanimously approved to modify the Open-Space Ordinance
- 4. Public Comment or Questions:** none
- 5. Maplecrest Farm update:** payments to the landowners are completed
- 6. Celebrating Agriculture Presentation:** The Woodstock Open Space map was discussed, along with recently protected properties which will be added to the map. Once completed, the map will be printed, mounted and displayed at Celebrating Ag. A motion was made by S.Morse, seconded by C.Paquette, and

unanimously approved to reimburse S.Blodgett for an amount up to \$175.00 for having the map printed and mounted.

- 7. Committee Reports:** C.Paquette (Board of Selectmen) reported that staffing in the Assessor's office is being improved. A potential budget surplus of \$210,000.00 will be expended on DPW equipment and roadside tree removals. He added that the new land use office is functioning well. C.Cutler (Board of Finance) will be preparing for and holding meetings in the near future. S.Morse (Agricultural Commission) stated that they are supporting programs sponsored by the Grange and the Conservation Commission. S.Blodgett (Planning & Zoning Commission) reported that the Commission will be having public discussions regarding potential land use regulatory changes to support and promote agriculture in Woodstock. Both C.Cutler and C.Paquette attended a recent meeting of "Sustainable CT". Crystal Adams is the town's liaison in this program, and will be providing details on Woodstock's efforts at the next meeting
- 8. Executive Session:** a motion was made to enter Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. by R.Gale and seconded by G.French to discuss land matters. A motion was made to exit Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. by R.Gale and seconded by G.French
- 9. Adjourn:** meeting adjourned at 8:03
- 10. Next meeting:** October 14, 2021