

Woodstock Agricultural Commission

Regular Meeting, Woodstock Town Hall, 1 pm, Monday, December 18, 2023

Members Present: Linda Auger, Emilie Hebert, Rebecca Hyde, Stewart Morse, Richard Norman

Absent: Jon Hermonot, Paul Miller, Karen Swanberg

Public present: Jessica Weaver Boose, Grace Jacobson, Fred Rich

1. **Call to order** Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm

2. **Seat alternates** Linda Auger seated

3. **Review of minutes** November 2023 minutes were approved

4. **Public participation** None

5. **Old business**

a. **WOSLAPC report.** The state has rejuvenated a 50 acres or less program, with a fast track to approval

b. **P&Z report.** Woodstock Sustainable Farms followup will be in January.

c. **Farming Friends Letter** Rebecca will check various lists and finalize the mailing list, copies are being prepared

d. **Farm Store Definition** no further discussion

e. **American Farmland Trust Grant** some progress with hiring

f. **Private land access.** Discussion will be continued in spring

g. **Farm tax exemptions** No progress

h. **Woodstock Agricultural Taste Trail.** Discussion around pros and cons of combining with other events, passports, other trails, time of year, etc, no decisions reached

i. **Other.** Moved to request \$500 for FY25. **All in favor**

6. **New business**

a. **State of CT Agriculture Report** Nothing up, interim period.

b. **Other** Whole milk bill passed the Federal House of Representatives.

7. **Announcements** none

8. **Adjourn** The meeting adjourned at 2:10.

Rebecca Hyde, Secretary

(These minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting of the full Commission.)