

Minutes
Woodstock Agriculture Committee
Monday, April 11, 2011
1 pm
Woodstock Town Hall
Lower Level Conference Room

Present: Reva Seybolt, Douglas Young, Richard Norman, Paul Miller, Linda Auger, Stewart Morse, Glenn Boies, Diane Miller, Barbara Johnson, Maureen Estony, Fred Rich, Ani Colt, Dotti Durst, Jennifer Kaufman

- I. Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm
- II. Introductions: Members Introduced themselves
- III. Minutes of the March 21 AGvocate meeting were reviewed
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Woodstock Grown Brochure
 - Quantity- Woodstock can use at least the 1500 provided from the grant. Jennifer will see if more can be obtained.
 - Distribution- Reva will coordinate distribution locally. Linda will assist with regional distribution throughout TLGV.
 - Other-Fred Rich mentioned that some of the farmers in town still have not been contacted. It was agreed that a huge effort was made to contact people. Jennifer gave the committee until Monday, April 18 to make additions or changes. Reva thanked Rebecca Hyde for her effort in pulling together the majority of the brochure.
- V. New Business
 - A. Election of Officers- The committee agreed by consensus that Reva Seybolt would serve as Chair, Doug Young as Vice Chair, and Linda Auger as Secretary. Officers will coordinate with the Town Clerk and Board of Selectmen to make sure that appropriate procedures are followed.
 - B. Schedule of Meetings- The committee will continue to meet the second Monday at 1 pm of each month through November. Reva will file meeting dates with the Town Clerk.
 - C. Establishing an Agriculture Commission Via Ordinance
 - Draft Ordinance- People felt that they wanted the draft ordinance put forth by the AGvocate Group to remain. Dotti Durst suggested that perhaps this ordinance wording could be used as a mission statement and the official ordinance could be shorter and similar to the broad statement put forth by the Board of Selectmen at the February meeting. Richard Norman agreed to take the lead on reviewing this and coming up with a draft at the May meeting. Jennifer will send pertinent information along.
 - Section h under Education and Outreach-Reva will meet with the Conservation Commission to determine if appropriate language can be drafted.
 - Review of other boards and commission's ordinances- Jennifer will obtain from the Board of Selectmen the missions/ordinances of other related boards and commissions and will circulate. The committee will review these to make sure that the Agriculture Commission ordinance/mission is not redundant.
 - D. Including Other Members of the Community-Reva and other members of the committee encouraged members of the community to attend and join in the discussion. The board of selectmen received 13 applications to serve on the Agriculture Committee and only 8 could be officially appointed. All citizens are welcome encouraged to actively participate in the committee.
- VI. Announcements- Community Conversation with Joe Courtney, AGvocate Communities, and Killing Agriculture Education Center will be held on Tuesday, April 26 at the Killingly Vo-Ag center from 5-7 pm. Please contact Jennifer Kaufman at AGvocate@yahoo.com to register.
- VII. Future Agenda Items
 - A. Agriculture Commission Ordinance
 - B. POCD
 - C. Zoning related to Agriculture
- VIII. Adjourn-Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm-NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 9 AT 1 PM IN THE LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TOWN HALL