

Woodstock Agricultural Commission Minutes – Monday January 8, 2018
Members present; S. Morse, R. Norman, P. Miller, L. Weaver, j. Hermonot, L. Auger
Public present: Grace Jacobson, Denise Coffey, Frank Olah.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:03pm by Chair, Stuart Morse.

Seat Alternates: P. Miller moved to seat L. Auger as alternate. S. Morse seconded. All voted in favor.

Review of Dec. Minutes: R. Norman moved to accept the minutes as presented. L. Weaver seconded and all voted to approve.

Public Participation: F. Olah spoke as the newly elected Second Selectman and his position on the board of the Woodstock Congregational Church. He presented an idea offering the Church parking area as a site for a Farmer's Market for Woodstock farms. He stated that the Church already puts out vegetables for residents to take. He hopes that activities, agri-tourism and other non-traditional ideas could be part of our town's economic development. Grace Jacobsen reported that the forest culling is going well and they are looking for another parcel to clean up for hiking. She will continue to keep the open space list up to date.

Old Business

- a. **WOLSAFP Report** – no report given.
- b. **P & Z subcommittee Report** – Their meeting was postponed due to weather.
- c. **Other-** none

New Business

- a. **Program For 2018** – After some discussion, the members agreed that the topic for the 2018 program will be *Agriculture in the 21st Century*. It will be presented by a panel. **Action:** L. Weaver will check on speaker(s) from Farm Credit. P. Miller will check with CT Farm Bureau and S. Morse will speak with Jamie Smith.
- b. **Woodstock Land Map Grid Review** – no report.
- c. **Other** – A budget for the WAGC must be submitted no later than January 19, 2018. Review of last year's budget and expenses and anticipated expenses for this year resulted in a reduction from \$1,000 to \$500 in 2018. R. Norman moved to approve the \$500 request.. L. Weaver seconded and all approved.

7. Announcements -

8. **Adjourn** – S. Morse moved to adjourn at 2:15pm. J. Hermonott seconded and was approved.