

Woodstock Agricultural Commission

Regular Meeting, Town Hall, Room A, 1 pm, Monday, November 19, 2018

Members Present: Stewart Morse, Richard Norman, Paul Miller, Linda Auger, Rebecca Hyde, Lynn Weaver, Jon Hermonot. **Absent:** Doug Young

Public Present: None

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

2. Seat alternates Richard Norman moved to seat Linda Auger as a full member, Lynn Weaver seconded, **All in favor.**

3. Review of October 2018 minutes: Lynn Weaver motioned to approve the October minutes as presented, Richard Norman seconded, **all in favor.**

4. Public participation. None.

5. Old business

a. WOLSLAFP report. There will be a dedication of the plaque acknowledging those who have sold development rights, Dec 13th, 6:30, Town Hall.

b. P&Z subcommittee report. There was a Public Hearing on their findings, continued to the 29th. Stewart will be attending, expressing the majority of the commission supports the current proposal.

c. Other. None

6. New business

a. Ordinance Review. The question remains whether the state statutes can be interpreted to include different agricultural activities.

Next month we'll explore a motion that the Selectmen request the town attorney propose an amended ordinance re tax abatement to include all farming activities allowed by the referenced state statute, and to confirm that the correct state statute is referenced.

b. Woodstock Land Map Grid Review. Map 6397. This covers the SE corner of Woodstock, and includes 249 parcels and numerous roads. Also the Crabtree & Evelyn property, the Harrisville Golf Course, Chase Realty, and 84 acres of John Chapman's farm. There is also farmland belong to the Salvias family, and Richard Richmond of Pomfret has 4 parcels totaling 72 acres.

7. Announcements / Other

Approval of next year's meeting schedule: 3rd Monday of each month except January will be the 14th, February will be the 11th.

8. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Hyde, Secretary

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