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**Municipality:** Town of Woodstock  
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**Title:** Town of Woodstock Agricultural Land Preservation and Land Acquisition Fund  
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### ***Abstract***

This ordinance authorizes and sets up funds for the preservation and acquisition of agricultural land as open space in the town. A commission was established to promote this goal made up of both citizens as well as community board members.

### ***Resource***

#### ORDINANCE CREATING THE WOODSTOCK AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION AND LAND ACQUISITION FUND

Adopted May 3, 1999  
Effective June 4, 1999

Amendment I  
(minor wording changes)  
Adopted June 21, 2000  
Effective July 12, 2000

Be it ORDAINED that:

Section 1. Pursuant to the authority of Conn. Gen. Stat 7-131r and 7-131g there is hereby established the Woodstock Agricultural Land Preservation and Land Acquisition Fund (hereinafter referenced to as The "Fund") to be used for the purposes of the preservation of open space or agricultural land, the acquisition of land (or any interest in land, including but not limited to easements and development rights) to be used for open space and for recreational or agricultural purposes.

The fund shall not lapse at the close of the municipal year.

Section 2. There shall be deposited into the fund such sums as the Town may from time to time appropriate for that purpose. There shall also be deposited into the Fund all payments in lieu of the provision of open space made pursuant to any regulations adopted by the Planning and Zoning Commission under the authority of Conn. Gen. Stat 8-25 and 8-25b, and any other funds acquired by the Town, whether by gift, bequest, grant or otherwise, for the purposes to be served by the Fund.

#### Amendment II

Adopted: May 1, 2002

Effective: May 16, 2002

Changing the number at large to four

Section 3. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint an Open Space Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee to consist of four citizens at large and one member each of the following: Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, Planning and Zoning Commission, Conservation Commission, Inland Wetlands Commission, Recreation Commission and Historic District Commission. The persons appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Selectmen. The Open Space Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee shall elect its chairperson and secretary and shall meet periodically, but not less frequently than quarterly. Its charge shall be to identify and prioritize potential acquisitions of land or interests in land for open space or recreational or agricultural purposes, to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding acquisition of such land and other proper uses of the Land

Acquisition Fund and to perform such other tasks relating to the use and administration of the Fund as the Board of Selectmen may direct.

Section 4. The Conservation Commission shall review and report upon any proposed appropriation from the Fund. The Board of Selectmen shall give due consideration to the views of the Conservation Commission on any such appropriation, but the Conservation Commission's approval shall not be required. Appropriations from the fund for the purposes for which it is created may be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the approval of the Board of Finance, and, where the proposed appropriation is for the purpose of acquiring land (or any interest in land, including but not limited to easements and development rights) upon review by the Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. 8-24, and upon approval by any Annual or Special Town Meeting after due warning.

Section 5 This ordinance shall be effective (15) days after publication thereof in a newspaper having substantial circulation in the Town of Woodstock.