

**VILLAGE OF WOODSTOCK
ANNUAL MEETING 2017
MARCH 21, 2017
MINUTES**

The meeting was brought to order at 7:35 P.M. by Moderator Greg Camp.

The Moderator read the Warning and then turned the meeting over to Jeffrey Kahn who gave tribute to Candace Coburn for her 10 years of service as Village Trustee.

Ms. Coburn was presented with a gift and spoke in appreciation of the support and ability to serve the Village despite not reaching her goal of a Town/Village merger.

The Moderator read Article I and turned the meeting over to Trustee Chair Candace Coburn for the election of the Moderator.

ARTICLE I: To elect Village officers for the ensuing year as required by law:

Moderator- 1 year term

On a motion by Alison Clarkson, seconded by Jane Soule, Greg Camp nominated and re-elected to the position of Moderator.

Clerk- 1 year term

Ann Marie Boyd nominated Donald Wheeler. The motion was seconded by Alison Clarkson. Donald Wheeler was duly re-elected to the position of Village Clerk.

Trustee- 3 year term (Australian Ballot)

Keri Cole was elected to the three (3) year term by Australian Ballot.

Trustee- 2 year term (Australian Ballot)

Ward Goodenough was elected to the two (2) year term by Australian Ballot.

Trustee-1 year term (Australian Ballot)

Serena Nelson was elected to the one (1) year term by Australian Ballot.

Treasurer- 1 year term

Sally Miller nominated Ann Marie Boyd. The nomination was seconded by Alison Clarkson. There being no other nominations, the Clerk cast one ballot for Mrs. Boyd and she was duly elected to serve the Village as Treasurer for the coming year.

Trustee of Public Funds- 1 year term

Alison Clarkson made a motion, seconded by Jill Davies to nominate Marian Koetsier as Trustee of Public Funds for the coming year. Mrs. Koetsier was duly elected to serve as Trustee of Public Funds for the coming year.

Auditors (2)- 1 year term

Jeffrey Kahn nominated Corwin Sharp and Charles Kimbell. The nomination was seconded by Ann Marie Boyd. Mr. Sharp and Mr. Kimbell were duly elected to serve one year as Auditors.

Fire Wardens (3)- 1 year term

Jeffrey Kahn nominated Joel Carey, Edmund Paige, and Kent McFarland, the motion was seconded by Alison Clarkson. Mr. Carey, Mr. Paige and Mr. McFarland were duly elected as Fire Wardens for the coming year.

ARTICLE II: To receive and act upon the reports of the Village officers.

Oliver Goodenough made a motion to receive and act upon the reports of the Village Officers.

The motion was seconded by Ward Goodenough. The Article passed.

ARTICLE III: To fix the annual compensation for the elected Village officers.

Moderator	50.00 per meeting
Treasurer	1500.00 per year
Clerk	400.00 per year
Trustees	750.00 per year

On a motion by Corwin Sharp seconded by Maureen O’Leary, the Article passed as written by voice vote.

ARTICLE IV: To see if the Village will vote to collect the Village General taxes on real estate and all other taxes levied through the Treasurer under the provisions of Title 32 VSA, Chapter 133 and fix the date of payment as November 3, 2017 and May 4, 2018.

The Article was moved by Emily Boyd and seconded by Betty Frederick. The Article passed as written.

ARTICLE V: To see if the Village will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, to borrow money if necessary, in anticipation of taxes for FY 2017-2018 to defray current expenses and debt of the Village.

Serena Nelson made a motion to accept the Article. The motion was seconded by Jill Davies. The Article passed as presented.

ARTICLE VI: To see if the Village will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Three Hundred Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Forty Five dollars (\$1,317,245.00) and raise by taxation the sum of Three Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$392,375.00) to pay the current expenses and debt of the Village.

General Government	\$ 132,280.00
Planning & Zoning	108,725.00
Village Highway Total	290,900.00
Village Police	783,840.00
Capital Outlay	1,500.00
Total	\$ 1,317,245.00

The Article was moved by Ann Marie Boyd and seconded by Alison Clarkson.

Candace Coburn commented that there was a \$66,000.00 figure omitted from the Insurance portion of the budget as printed.

Jeffrey Kahn made a motion to amend the budget by adding \$66,000.00 for Insurance. The motion was seconded by Oliver Goodenough.

The amended Article would read: To see if the Village will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Three Hundred Eighty Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty Five Dollars (\$1,383,245.00) and raise by taxation the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$458,375.00) to pay the current expenses and debt of the Village.

The amendment passed as presented.

Budget Discussion:

Jeffrey Kahn presented the General Government section.

Cary Agin presented the section on Planning & Zoning.

Candace Coburn presented the Highway section. Candace spoke to the discovery that the Town/Village highway departments were merged in 1980 and again in 1984 but not continued in 1985. Voters at Town Meeting voted to recognize the merger and create a unified highway department. The result is the Village highway department is now under the Town budget, reducing the Village budget.

Ward Goodenough presented the Police Department section of the budget. He announce the filling of another position in the department creating a fully staffed department. Chief Blish introduced the new officer Jessica LeBlanc.

Joe DiNatale raised questions about apparent increased truck traffic. Chief Blish explained his views and said a traffic study will be done this summer to get clear data on traffic flow.

Cary Agin discussed Capital Reserve spending section of the budget.

The amended budget passed as presented.

ARTICLE VII: To see if the Village will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for the care and planting of trees.

On a motion by Marian Koetsier seconded by Alison Clarkson the Article passed as written.

ARTICLE VIII: To see if the Village will vote to raise and appropriate from taxes the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for the purpose of Village beautification projects and seasonal decorations. This money to be spent at the discretion of the Board of Village Trustees.

The Article was moved by Sally Miller and seconded by Emily Boyd. Discussion ensued on what these funds are used for and who pays for other portions of these projects.

Jill Davies made a motion to increase the amount raised and appropriated from taxes from \$2,500.00 to \$5,000.00. The motion was seconded by Rachel Kahn.

The amendment passed.

The new Article states: To see if the Village will vote to raise and appropriate from taxes the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the purpose of Village beautification projects and seasonal decorations. This

money to be spent at the discretion of the Board of Village Trustees.

The Article passes as amended.

ARTICLE IX: To see if the Village will vote to appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) for the purpose of paying the Trustee of Public Funds for services rendered, and approve such expenditure from income of the trust funds.

Jane Soule made a motion to accept the Article as written. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Kahn.
With no discussion the Article passed as presented.

ARTICLE X: To see if the Village will vote to appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) for the purpose of auditing the Public Trust Funds, and approve such expenditure from income of the trust fund.

The Article was moved by Marian Koetsier and seconded by Alison Clarkson. Following a short discussion and explanation from Municipal Manager Phil Swanson, the Article passed as written.

ARTICLE XI: To act on any other business that may legally come before the Village Meeting.

John Mattews commented that he would like to see a merger of the Town and Village as Candace Coburn had hoped 10 years ago.

Marian Koetsier made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ann Marie Boyd. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald R. Wheeler
Village Clerk