

**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
SELECT BOARD MEETING**

April 10, 2019

8:00AM

Town Hall

MINUTES

Present: Mary Riley, Sonya Stover, Jill Davies, Beth Fish, Kevin Geiger, Tori Littlefield, Ray Bourgeois, and George Martin

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Vice Chair Riley called the meeting to order at 8:05am.

II. PUBLIC HEARING FOR VCDP PLANNING GRANT

A. Kevin Geiger and Tori Littlefield were present on behalf of Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) to present the Regional Housing Study.

- i. 67 Towns are to be included in this study. The study will focus on housing needs analysis, impediments, and solutions. A fourth part is social issues or misconceptions and trying to address those through different avenues, so when solution is given, people will understand affordable housing.
- ii. \$150,000 total in monies is available for this study through different avenues.
- iii. The study will be completed by the end of 2020.
- iv. TRORC is a political sub division of the state and they work closely with the State Housing Authority. They also work with US Housing and Urban Development.
- v. Affordable Housing is considered as 30% of gross income.
- vi. George Martin asked many questions about how the study will be done and what will be included in the study.

Motion: by Ms. Stover to adopt the resolution to apply to the VDCP Grant for the Regional Housing Study.

Seconded: by Ms. Davies

Discussion: None

Vote: 3-0-0, passed.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

A. EC Fiber Annual Appointments to Governing Board

Motion: by Ms. Stover to appoint Bob Merrill as the delegate and Dan Orcutt as the alternate to the EC Fiber Governing Board.

Seconded: by Ms. Riley

Discussion: A discussion ensued about appointments to the EC Fiber Board.

- i. Ms. Davies would like to have David Brown as the delegate. She gave her reasons for having David Brown as the delegate including that he was a founding member of EC Fiber.
 1. Ms. Stover brought up that both of the other gentlemen will not participate if Mr. Brown is the delegate, which keeps good people from participating.
 - a. Ms. Riley agrees with Ms. Stover.

Vote: 2-1-0 (Jill opposed)

This item will be postponed until the April 16th, 2019 meeting when a larger quorum will be present.

B. Re-Appointment to EDC – Barry Milstone

Motion: by Ms. Davies to re-appoint Barry Milstone to the EDC.

Seconded: by Ms. Riley to enable discussion.

Discussion: A discussion ensued about the EDC Board and members

- i. Mr. Milstone is not a resident of Vermont or Woodstock.
 1. Mr. Bourgeois believes that everyone that is on a Board or Commission should at the least be a resident of Vermont.
- ii. It was brought up that this might be an opportunity to reduce the size of the EDC by two members. The Board is currently 9 members and no other Board in Woodstock has that many delegates.
- iii. Ms. Davies would like for the Select Board to talk to Julia Cooke and Charlie Kimball about the Board before making any decisions.

Ms. Davies withdrew her motion and Ms. Riley withdrew her second.

C. Mill Road Spill Clean Up

Motion: by Ms. Stover to approve the applications for the Excavation in Town Limits permit and Use of the Highway Right-Of-Way permit for the cleanup of contaminated soils within the right of way at 5002 Mill Road.

Seconded: by Ms. Davies

Discussion: None

Vote: 3-0-0, passed.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: by Ms. Riley to adjourn the meeting at 8:42am.

Seconded: by Ms. Stover

Discussion: None

Vote: 3-0-0, passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Fish

L.D. Sutherland, Chair
John Doten
Jill M. Davies
Sonya Stover
Mary Riley