TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

SELECT BOARD

May 18, 2021

6:00 pm

Meeting

Zoom

Agenda

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ADDITIONS TO AND DELETIONS FROM THE POSTED AGENDA
- C. CITIZENS COMMENTS
- D. MANAGER REPORT
 - 1. General Report
 - 2. Financial Report
- E. PERMITS
 - 1. Overweight truck permits
 - a. United Natural Foods Inc
 - b. Roni Johnson Landscaping
 - c. TRK Trucking & Veilleux Logging
 - d. ArborScape Inc
- F. OLD BUSINESS
- G. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. Rockefeller Endowment Report
 - 2. Solar Concepts for ESB
 - 3. Closing Town Office at 2:00 pm starting Memorial Day weekend
 - 4. Fireworks display discussion
 - 5. Benson Place discussion
 - 6. GMP poles on Church Hill Road
 - 7. Cannabis Committee Report regarding survey results
 - 8. Joint meeting discussion
 - 9. Care & maintenance of parks
 - 10. Faulkner Park update
- H. OTHER BUSINESS
- I. BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS
 - 1. Sewer adjustment
 - a. 6 Swain Street Battilana

- b. 4980 South Road Anderson
- c. 100 Golf Ave Munick
- J. EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL
- K. ADJOURNMENT

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- · Please raise your hand on the Participant tab to comment or ask a question.
- · Press *9 to raise your hand by phone

Account	Budget	Actual	Actual % of Budget
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TAX REVENUE- ALL	5,640,131.00	5,178,958.00	
RENTAL INCOME	16,000.00	12,650.00	79.06%
FEES & PERMITS	19,500.00	7,705.00	39.51%
OWN CLERK FEES	47,750.00	89,266.45	186.95%
RONT OFFICE FEES	400.00	73.15	18.29%
LANNING & ZONING	12,000.00	12,343.86	102.87%
NTEREST INCOME	25,000.00	7,232.58	28.93%
MBULANCE & FIRE DEPT	915,000.00	960,339.87	104.96%
MISCELLANEOUS	522,230.00	2,533,842.20	485.20%
GRANT REVENUE	0.00	256,810.94	
MANDATORY DRAWBACK	-370,000.00		
OMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS	0.00		
RANSFERS IN	157,000.00		1.34%
BILLINGS PARK	0.00	0.00	0.00%
OWN FOREST	7,500.00		104.00%
otal Revenues	6,992,511.00	8,719,794.08	124.70%
GRANTS/CONTRIB-TRUST FUND	2,400.00	0.00	0.00%
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ULTURE & RECREATION	455,700.00	447,233.17	
EALTH OFFICER	7,440.00	3,498.63	
OVERNMENT BUILDINGS	104,000.00	156,541.83	150.52%
ELECT BOARD	37,600.00	37,762.97	100.43%
XECUTIVE	117,400.00	110,950.71	
FFICE ADMINISTRATION	26,600.00	22,686.73	
UDITING	15,000.00	22,460.00	149.73%
REASURER	15,100.00	11,413.62	75.59%
CCOUNTING	119,450.00	99,881.52	
AX LISTING	110,800.00	•	96.79%
AX COLLECTING	0.00		
CAPITAL RESERVE		53,500.00	
IIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	33,300.00	55,500.00	200.000
RAFFIC CONTROL	7,000.00	2,667.69	38.11%
IGHWAY CONST&MAINT	1,226,900.00	981,830.15	80.03%
&M-BRIDGES&STORMDRAINS	88,000.00	30,454.09	34.61%
IGHWAY EQUIPMENT	276,780.00	459,221.45	165.92%
IDEWALK MAINTENANCE	90,000.00	73,755.07	81.95%
TREET LIGHTS	40,000.00	31,604.22	79.01%
ARKS	6,450.00	4,846.57	
	130,850.00	109,581.38	
UBLIC WORKS BUILDINGS		67,000.00	
APITAL RESERVE	67,000.00	67,000.00	100.00%
Total HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	1,932,980.00	1,760,960.62	91.10%
AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT			
AMBULANCE OPERATIONS	1,101,770.00	863,381.24	78.36%
AMBULANCE VEHICLE	17,650.00	16,668.03	94.44%
AMBULANCE TRAINING	18,700.00	9,676.30	51.74%
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AMBULANCE COMMUNICATIONS	9.900.00	3,901.90	39.41%	
CAPITAL RESERVE		90,500.00		
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Total AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT	1,238,520.00	984,127.47	79.46%	
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
FIREFIGHTING	156,450.00	74,558.27	47.66%	
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FIRE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	93,900.00	83,173.86	88.58%	
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	13,700.00	8,270.06 8,531.76	60.37%	
WOODSTOCK STATION #2	9,350.00	8,531.76	91.25%	
EMERGENCY SERVICES BLDG		352,136.47		
CAPITAL RESERVE	56,000.00	58,500.00	104.46%	
Total FIRE DEPARTMENT	367,950.00	590,530.57	160.49%	
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COMMUNICATIONS	242 600 00	307,505.66	00 50%	
DISPATCH SERVICES	15 100 00	15,100.00	100 009	
CAPITAL RESERVE	15,100.00	15,100.00	100.00%	
Total COMMUNICATIONS	358,700.00	322,605.66	89.94%	
TOWN CLERK				
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY	8,000.00	3.551.33	44.39%	
TOWN CLERK		138,316.21		
CAPITAL RESERVE	3,500.00			
Total TOWN CLERK	163,540.00	145,367.54	88.89%	
BOARDS & AGENCIES				
PLANNING & ZONING	114,800.00	93,725.65	81.64%	
CAPITAL RESERVE	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00%	
Total BOARDS & AGENCIES	115,800.00	94,725.65	81.80%	
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TOWN CONSTABLE	9,800.00	6,231.32	63.58%	
MAINTAINING CEMETERIES	18,500.00	10,620.00	57.41%	
WELCOME CENTER	36,850.00	32,971.38	89.47%	
LITTLE THEATER	0.00	0.00	0.00%	
CAPITAL RESERVE	2,000.00	2,000.00	100․00 % 99․93%	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	33,550.00	33,528.00		
SELECT BOARD CONTINGENCY	480,500.00	177,980.64	37.04%	
CAPITAL RESERVE SB	50,000.00	50,000.00 294,211.50	100.00% 187.40%	
CAPITAL RESERVE SPENDING	157,000.00			
LOSS REPAIR EXPENSE	0.00	2,770.56 0.00	100.00% 0.00%	
LITTLE THEATER REPAIR	0.00	5,598.21	9.76%	
IRENE RECOVERY EXPENSE	57,350.00 0.00	72,914.58	100.00%	
GRANT EXPENSE COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS	10,000.00	0.00	0.00%	
TRANSFERS OUT	0.00	0.00	0.00%	
TIGHTEEND OOT	0.00	0.00	0.000	

05/14/21 WOODSTOCK TOWN General Ledger Page 3 of 3 09:27 am Current Yr Pd: 11 - Budget Status Reportaaff Accountant.TOWNACCTPC2015 TOWN GENERAL FUND

Account	Budget	Actual	Actual % of Budget	
TOWN FOREST	0.00	0.00	0.00%	
BILLINGS PARK	0.00	2,445.00	100.00%	
Total Appropriations	6,591,143.00	6,009,459.12	91.17%	
Total TOWN GENERAL FUND	401,368.00	2,710,334.96		
Total All Funds	401,368.00	2,710,334.96	========	



Town of Woodstock 31 The Green Woodstock, VT 05091

VERMONT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES UNIFORM MUNICIPAL EXCESS WEIGHT PERMIT FLEET

Approval is hereby given for the granting of a fleet permit under the provisions of VSA Title 23, Sec. 1400a, and any amendments thereto, covering the operations of motor vehicles over local highways and bridges with gross loads as follows:

	Owner: Address:	UNITED NATU	JRAL FOODS, IN	C.	
	Contact:	Stew Holm	Phone#_		
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Approved:			Title	Date	
(Dul	y authorized a	agent)			

Note: Effective July 1, 1994, a Vermont State permit is not required to operate on local highways and bridges.

Paid 5/7/21 Check 16857

WOODSTOCK

Vermont Agency of Transportation Department of Motor Vehicles Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permit <u>FLEET</u>

Approval is hereby given for the granting of a fleet permit under the provisions of VSA Title 23, Sec. 1400a, and any amendments thereto, covering the operations of motor vehicles over local highways and bridges with gross loads as follows:

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Vermont Agency of Transportation Department of Motor Vehicles Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permit

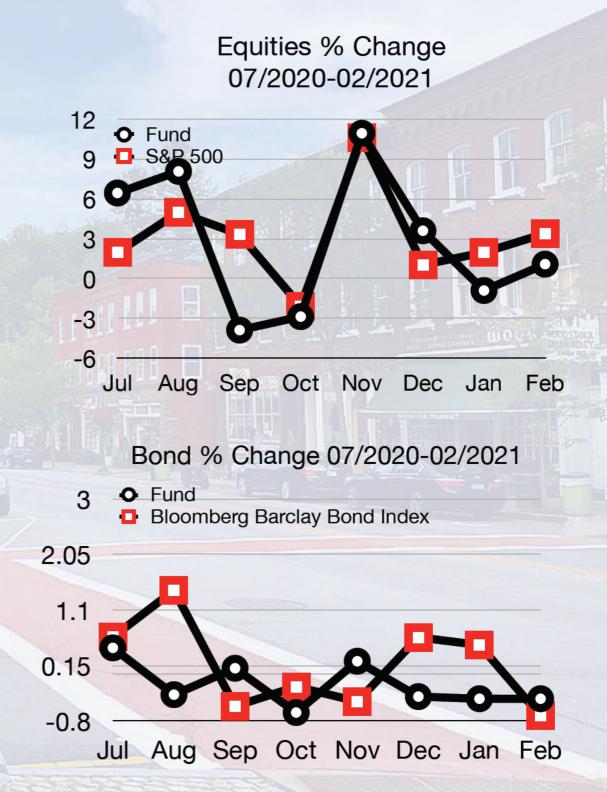
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Woodstock Rockefeller Endowment Fund

Status Report Ending February 28th, 2021

- Fund total includes \$100,000 allocated to the VCLF
- Asset portion of the fund is allocated at 60% equities, and 40% bonds
- Equities have outperformed S&P 500 for 4 of the past 8 months
- Bonds have outperformed Bloomberg Index for 3 of the past 8 months
- Totals reflect a one-time withdrawal of \$200,000 for a town capital expenditure.
- Fund total value as of February 28th, 2021: \$1,893,357 (change of -1.7% since June 30th, 2020)
- This decreased total value is accounted for by the withdrawal of \$69,500 for the 2021 annual payment, and the onetime withdrawal of \$200,000 noted above



Woodstock Cannabis Review Committee Resident Survey Results

May 11, 2021



Objectives of the Committee

The committee is jointly established by the Town Selectboard and Village Trustees to:

- Raise awareness of Woodstock town and village voters on Act 164 and related bills and the choices available to them as it relates to the retail sale of recreational cannabis.
- Collect and analyze via a survey what is on Woodstock voters' minds.
- Research data and provide factual statistics and analyses for relevant areas.
- Clarify what VT towns can and cannot do and under what circumstances.
- Remain objective and factual.

The committee is NOT making policy recommendations but providing information and data.

Woodstock Cannabis Committee Members

Project Team

Karim Houry Resident and business owner
Seton McIlroy Resident and Village Trustee
PJ Eames Resident and business owner

Keri Cole Resident and Selectboard member

Project Advisors

Legislative: Charlie Kimbell - State Representative

Safety: Robbie Blish - Police Chief

Health/School: Melanie Sheehan - Mt. Ascutney Hospital

Dr. Clare Drebitko - Woodstock pediatrician

Administration: Planning - Kimberly Gilbert - Regional Planner

Note: All communications have been shared with Neal Leitner - Woodstock Planning and Zoning

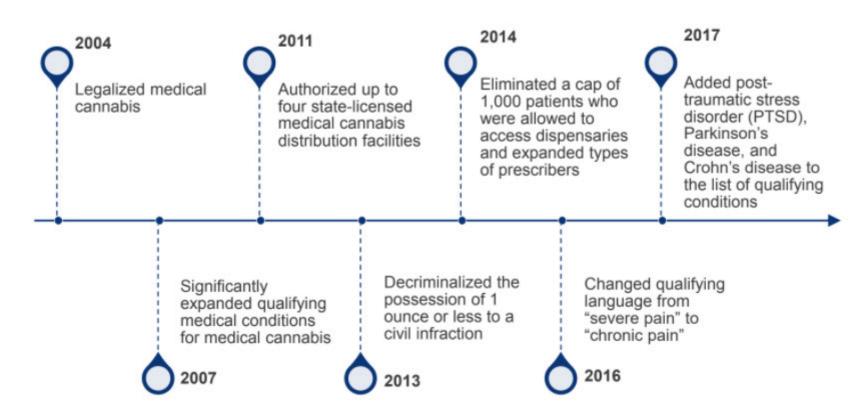
Critical Dates

To be proactive, towns should use 2021 to conduct community research and hold public meetings / hearings. IF opt-in is the favorable choice, then work to establish local regulations (e.g. zoning, Local Cannabis Commission) depending on resident wishes.

5/1/2022 4/1/2022 9/1/2022 10/1/2022 integrated retail integrated retail licenses licenses issued applications license - may sell issued begin applications immediately

*Original timeline in Act 164, given late Cannabis Control Board appointments, delays to this timeline are possible.

VT Cannabis Policy Timeline



VT Cannabis Policy Timeline (cont.)



Residents Survey (April 2021): Summary Points and Thematic Highlights

- Town and Village residents seem equally split on their views regarding the retail sale of recreational cannabis in Woodstock
- Recurring themes focused on the following areas:
 - Youth (use and impacts on) comments weighed more heavily on concerns for youth than in favor
 - o Taxes and other regulatory issues 50% split on moving forward with or without tax revenue
 - Tourism comments on tourism also 50% split, ½ feeling this will be + for tourism and ½ feeling it will be - for tourism
- There is a clear ask for more information on a variety of topics (health, youth, taxes and tourism)

Woodstock Review Committee Survey Summary

- Residents are split on the issue of whether or not to even call a vote.
- Results were not split 50/50 re: youth and impacts to health; many concerns were highlighted.
- Residents are concerned about how retail would change the look/feel/character of Woodstock, while some think this type of retail would be "good" for Woodstock and tourism revenue.
- Survey showed that residents may incorrectly be thinking that retail cannabis would bring a large increase of tax \$\$\$ to the town.
- Given late appointments to the CCB and closing legislative session, many Cannabis regulations are still unknown.
- Presentations and more information on this topic will be useful to help the community engage in informed discourse.

Woodstock Survey Results - April 2021

General Statistics

- 459 responses; 82% in zip code 05091; 84% Woodstock residents
- 20% are parents with youth under 18 and 20% with youth over 18
- 17% are business owners, 10% employees or staff of businesses and non-profits and 8% Woodstock town or village employees/contractors
- Age categories: 21% at 66+; 50% at 46-66; 25% 26-45 and 4% 18 and under
- A total of 109 additional comments were submitted

Awareness of the New Law

"I have a fair amount of understanding" 43%

"Minimal awareness" 21 %

"I was not aware" 21%

"I have thoroughly read (the law) about it and understand it" 15%

Woodstock Survey Results - April 2021

Woodstock Village Trustees should allow residents to vote to "opt in" to retail cannabis

Strongly Agree/Agree = 53% Neutral = 7%

Strongly Disagree / Disagree = 40%

Woodstock Town Selectboard should allow residents to vote to "opt in" to retail cannabis

Strongly Agree/Agree = 53% Neutral = 8%

Strongly Disagree / Disagree = 39%

Our town needs one or more information sessions on this topic before deciding whether an "opt in" vote is appropriate for Woodstock

Strongly Agree/Agree = 50% Neutral = 20%

Strongly Disagree / Disagree = 30%

If an "opt in" vote were called, I would fully support it without needing more information than I currently have

Strongly Agree/Agree = 40% Neutral = 10%

Strongly Disagree / Disagree = 50%

Woodstock Survey Results - April 2021

Respondents interest areas for more information (ranked in order of highest response rate)

Tourism re: retail cannabis	51%
Town regulations that help limit youth exposure to cannabis	47%
Cannabis use and youth	47%
How Act 164 presents tax revenue structure	39%
Public safety re: retail cannabis	35%
Details of new retail cannabis law	33%
Cannabis and health (benefits and risks)	22%
Other	7%

<u>Criticality of Revenues</u>

57% of respondents felt that it would be somewhat to very important for the town to get tax revenues from the sale of retail cannabis.

Potential Next Steps Based on Survey Results

 Present more data on the topics listed by the survey respondents and on the new law and its context in general (this would be done at future Selectboard and Village Trustees meetings).

 Arrange for community information sessions and presentations to inform residents before calling a vote.

Thank you!

Your attention to this important topic for the Village and the Town is appreciated.

For questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to committee members:

Karim Houry karimhry@gmail.com

Seton Mcilroy seton.l.mcilroy@gmail.com

Keri Cole kpcole@gmail.com

PJ Eames pj@clovergiftshop.com

MEMO

TO: Board of Sewer Commissioners

FROM: Beth Fish

RE: William Battilana 23.54.45

DATE: April 26, 2021

MEETING DATE: May 4, 2021

Battilana, William 23.54.45 6 Swain Street Fee Two Person

Attached is a letter from William Battilana is attached regarding his sewer bill for 6 Swain Street.

As stated in the letter Mr. Battilana is currently being charged at a 2-person rate for his residence. Mr. Battilana's wife passed away in 2018 and he is the sole occupant of the residence now. He is requesting that his FY2021S sewer bill be adjusted to a 1 person rate.

Cost of adjustment: \$298.06

Proposed Motion if you decide to adjust the bill:

I make a motion to reduce the fee from the 2 person fee to the 1 person fee based on evidence provided by Mr. Battilana.

William Battilana



Board of Sewer Commissioners Town of Woodstock

PO Box 488 Woodstock, Vermont 05091 Phone: 802-457-3456

Dear Commissioners,

With reference to Account Number 23.54.45, it has come to my attention that I have been over-paying my sewer bill which is currently based on 2-person occupancy. This is not correct; my wife passed away in September 2018, and I have been living alone at 6 Swain Street since that time. A copy of the death certificate can be provided if necessary.

Please correct the sewer records and credit my account accordingly. Thank you.

Respectfully,

William Battilana

William Battilana

4/23/2021

May 6, 2021

Hello Mary,

In speaking with Beth Fish it was her direction to petition you for consideration of an amendment to our sewer bill at 4980 South Road, South Woodstock. The billing period is from 7/1/20 to 6/30/21. No one has occupied the home since October of 2019. We were unaware that we were to notify the Town of Woodstock of this and therefore have been billed per prior history. We understand that previous billing other than this current statement is not subject for review.

This home has been sold and the closing date is 6/14.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark & Wendy Anderson

TOWN/VILLAGE OF WOODSTOCK PO BOX 488 WOODSTOCK VT 05091 802-457-3456

DELINQUENT SEWER BILL NOTICE AS OF 05/06/2021

PARCEL NUMBER: 33.02.14-

ANDERSON MARK & WENDY

05071-0064

Taxes Assessed Against You

Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Other	Total	Location
2016S	807.00	605.49	64.56	0.00	1,477.05	4980 SOUTH ROAD
2017S	888.00	506.16	71.04	0.00	1,465.20	4980 SOUTH ROAD
20185	82.98	31.42	0.00	0.00	114.40	4980 SOUTH ROAD
2019S	966.00	159.39	77.28	0.00	1,202.67	4980 SOUTH ROAD
FY2021S	1,192.74	11.93	95.42	0.00	1,300.09	4980 SOUTH ROAD

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE 5,559.41

Please Remit to :

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR WOODSTOCK SEWER TOWN OF WOODSTOCK PO BOX 488 WOODSTOCK VT 05091

Checks are to be made PAYABLE to Woodstock Sewer.

100 Golf Ave request for abatement on sewer charge

bruce munick <

Wed 5/5/2021 1:05 PM

To: Beth Fish
bfish@townofwoodstock.org>

Beth

Ref: 100 Golf Ave request for abatement on sewer charge

As we had discussed this morning back in February 2021 I had sent in the payment of \$1192.74 on a check number 2295.

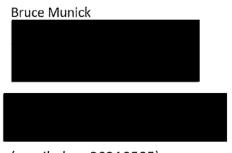
Unfortunately I have just learned the check got lost in the mail. As of 05-05-2021 I have put a stop payment on this check and have issued a new check to the town

In the amount of \$1300.09. This new figure includes interest of \$11.93 and a penalty of \$95.42.

Since I did in good faith pay the original amount of \$1192.74 promptly I am requesting an abatement of \$107.35

Thank you for your help in this matter and I look forward in hearing back from you and or the Woodstock Sewer Commission.

Best regards



(emailed on 20210505)