

**Town of Woodstock
Select Board
Meeting
June 1, 2021
10:00 am
Zoom
Minutes**

Draft minutes are subject to approval.

Present: Chair Mary Riley, Ray Bourgeois, Keri Cole, Joe Swanson, William Kerbin, Nikki Nourse, Jill Davies, Tory Littlefield, Fire Chief David Green, Police Chief Robbie Blish, Jon Spector

A. Call to order

1. Chair Riley called the Select Board meeting of June 1, 2021, to order at 10:01 am.

B. Additions to and deletions from the posted agenda – none.

C. Citizen comments – none.

D. Manager's report

1. Mr. Kerbin stated that the paving project is continuing without any problems. They are on schedule to finish by late August/early September.
 - a. Ms. Cole stated that the sidewalk on Route 106 was pretty torn up.
 - b. Mr. Kerbin stated that the State should fix this. He will get in touch with them.
 - c. Mr. Bourgeois stated that they need to do curbing there. That will stop it from deteriorating.
 - d. Mr. Kerbin stated that they will be coming back to paint the crosswalks that were missed. It is a safety concern.
 - e. Ms. Davies stated that there is still a lot of asphalt on the sidewalks that needs to be cleaned.
 - f. Chair Riley stated that at the storm drain locations, there is a lot of debris that has gathered due to the rainstorms this weekend. It needs to be removed. If they do not remove it and the rain comes again, they may have some water back up.

E. Old business

1. Fireworks discussion

- a. Chair Riley stated that invitations have been sent to all the vendors that have been at the event in years past. They will start at 6:00 pm. Billings Farm will be doing the posters. There will be music. She will be meeting with Joni Kennedy to see where things will be set up.

F. New business

1. TRORC – Hazard Mitigation Plan

- a. Mr. Kerbin stated that the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan needs to be updated so they can secure FEMA funding when the situation arises.
- b. Ms. Littlefield stated that Woodstock's Hazard Mitigation Plan has been expired since last fall. They have to have at least three meetings minimum. They will form a small committee. It is an important funding mechanism. Ms. Littlefield stated that she will be the lead on this project and Jake will be assisting. He

started back in January. By September or October, they hope to have the Hazard Mitigation Plan finalized and adopted. If a disaster were to happen in the meantime, they would have to submit a draft of the plan. The committee will be 3-5 people. There will be public meetings. They will advertise it in the newspaper and online. The first meeting could happen pretty quickly. This will describe what the mitigation plan is. The final meeting will be at a Select Board meeting, where they will describe what has changed. This will probably occur in August or September.

Motion: by Ms. Cole to approve a proposal in the amount of \$7,953 submitted by Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Seconded: by Mr. Bourgeois.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

2. Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator Service Agreement

- a. Chair Riley stated that Geoff Martin, at the end of June, will have completed his first year as the Regional Energy Coordinator.
- b. Mr. Kerbin stated that two more towns have signed on to the agreement.
- c. Chair Riley stated that they have money in the budget for this.

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to approve the signing of the Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator Service Agreement and authorize the Town Manager to sign this document on behalf of the Town.

Seconded: by Ms. Cole.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

3. Approval to bid for property retention regarding tax sales

- a. Chair Riley stated that they have a couple delinquent entities that are going to go to tax sale on June 7th. The Town has to bid for at least the amount of taxes owed on the property. This is so the Town gets at least what is owed. They will maintain ownership of the property if there are no other bids. They are often redeemed last minute by mortgage holder. The property owner has one year to redeem the property.

Motion: by Ms. Cole to approve the amount of taxes and costs owed for each property on the attached tax sale list and to authorize purchase of one or both properties if the bid amounts are below the amounts owed in taxes and costs or if a bid is not submitted for one or both properties.

Seconded: by Mr. Bourgeois.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

G. Other business

1. Chair Riley stated that at the Select Board's June 15th meeting, she would like to set a date to take a vote for Faulkner Park. She does not feel that they need to take any additional testimony.
 - a. Ms. Cole agrees that they have heard plenty of testimonies from both sides.
 - b. Mr. Bourgeois and Mr. Swanson agree to not hear any more testimony regarding Faulkner Park.

H. Approval of minutes

1. 5/4/21 Meeting Minutes

2. 5/18/21 Meeting Minutes

Motion: by Ms. Cole to approve the minutes for 5/4/21 and 5/18/21 as submitted.

Seconded: by Mr. Bourgeois.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

I. Adjournment

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 am.

Seconded: by Ms. Cole.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nikki Nourse*