

**Town of Woodstock
Select Board
August 3, 2021
10:00 am
Town Hall & Zoom
Minutes**

Present: Chair Mary Riley, Ray Bourgeois, John Doten, Keri Cole, Joe Swanson, William Kerbin, Nikki Nourse, Richard Amore, Michael Caduto, Patrick Fultz, Michael Green, Phil Robertson, Angela Ulman, Neal Leitner, Kevin Geiger, Sarah Wraight, Jeffrey Kahn, Tom Kennedy, Nori Pepe

A. Call to order

1. Chair Riley called the Select Board meeting of August 3, 2021, to order at 10:00 am.

B. Interviews for Billings Park Commission

1. Michael Green

- a. Mr. Green stated that he lives at 52 Pleasant Street with his wife and baby. He moved to Woodstock right before the pandemic. He is from the Adirondacks. In his town the local parks made up 90% of the Town land. When he was younger, he wanted to join the park service. He learned a lot about parks. He then got interested in climate change. He is part of the Paris Climate Agreement to reduce greenhouse emissions globally. He is helping countries build strategies on climate change. In Woodstock, parks are a big tourism drive. They are an amazing resource. He lives right next to the East End Park. He believes it is important to preserve the parks now and for future generations. He has watched BPC meeting recordings. He has attended one live meeting. He wants to promote community use of the parks.

2. Nori Pepe

- a. Ms. Pepe stated that she is a resident of Woodstock. She is an avid runner and hiker. She has lived in Woodstock for four years. She is looking for ways to get more involved. She wants to better the community. She wants to make the parks better and more accessible. She can bring a lot of professional skills to the Commission. She was not able to attend a meeting. However, she has the flexibility to attend BPC meetings normally. She helps maintain the Ottauquechee River Trail. She has been of the Saturday volunteer clean up. She lives on 248 Sawyer Road. She has done trail work in the past. She grew up in the Upper Valley.

3. Wendy Jackson – postponed

4. Phil Robertson

- a. Mr. Robertson stated that he retired in Woodstock in 2015. He grew up hiking. He enjoys hiking in Woodstock. He helped to develop the Ottauquechee River Trail. He has trail maintenance experience. He is part of the Green Mountain Club, which works on the Appalachian Trail in Vermont. He has not attended a BPC meeting because of the last minute cancellation of their last meeting. He

has talked to Alison Clarkson and Randy Richardson regarding the BPC. He understands what they do. He lives on Church Hill Road.

C. Additions to and deletions from the posted agenda

1. Addition – executive session regarding real estate transaction

D. Citizens comments – none

E. Manager’s report

1. General report

- a. Mr. Kerbin stated that Pike Paving is still completing line painting. This has been pushed back by the rain. It will hopefully be completed soon. He will be introducing himself to the business owners around Town. They should be receiving the ARPA funds in a couple of weeks.

F. New business

1. Taftsville Village designation discussion

- a. Ms. Ulman stated that by making Taftsville a village center designation they will be able to access State and Federal funding. She and her husband have recently purchased the Taftsville Country Store.
- b. Mr. Amore shared a presentation (included in the minutes).

Motion: by Mr. Swanson to move forward with applying to make Taftsville a village designation and appointing Angela Ulman as the representative for this process.

Seconded: by Ms. Cole.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

2. Changes to Lebanon Landfill and review of draft agreement

- a. Mr. Kennedy is the Director of the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District. Woodstock is part of this district. They send the majority of their trash to the Lebanon Landfill. Woodstock residents generally use the Hartford Transfer Station. They have a contract with Lebanon. There is an amendment to the contract which is being brought to the Select Board. Lebanon is going to start a barcode system for people. The barcode will be loaded with funds and scanned when they drop trash off. Currently people buy tickets. They are doing away with that system.

Motion: by Mr. Swanson to approve the draft agreement with the Lebanon Landfill and to opt to allow residents to obtain individual permits directly from Lebanon through an online portal and to dispose of Acceptable Waste directly to the Lebanon Solid Waste Facility.

Seconded: by Mr. Doten.

Discussion: Mr. Bourgeois thinks they should have a Town Agent assist those who do not have access to internet. The Town Clerk would act as the agent for Lebanon.

Mr. Swanson states that they should not be involved with it and have individuals do it themselves.

Charlie Degener was brought up to discuss. He would be willing to help with this matter.

Vote: 2-1-1, not passed. Chair Riley for, Mr. Swanson for, Mr. Bourgeois against, Mr. Doten abstained.

Ms. Cole had left the meeting prior to vote. This will be tabled until their next meeting.

3. Discussion of propane bid

- a. Mr. Kerbin stated that they had a bid opening for propane. They only received one bid. They received another through email. He recommends they go out to rebid.
- b. The Board agrees that the propane bid should go back out to rebid.

4. Discussion and approval of WISPr project

- a. Mr. Caduto shared a summary of the WISPr project (included in the minutes).

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to enter executive session to discuss the project at 11:46 am.

Seconded: by Mr. Swanson.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

The select Board exited executive session at 12:05 pm and resumed the public meeting.

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to apply from the WISPr project in the amount of \$280,000 for natural resource projects.

Seconded: by Mr. Swanson.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to approve using a portion of these funds to purchase and obtain a piece of property adjacent to the East End Park.

Seconded: by Mr. Swanson.

Discussion: Mr. Kahn stated that this would allow us to have more parking which is needed for events held at the East End Park.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

G. Other business – none.

H. Board of Sewer Commissioners

1. Abatement request – O’Neill

- a. Chair Riley stated that they are asking for forgiveness of interest and penalty for their sewer bill. The bill did not get to them. The mailing address was wrong on the bill.

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to approve the abatement request for Jeanne O’Neill for parcel 20.52.13.00B to forgive the interest and penalty in the amount of \$54.77.

Seconded: by Mr. Swanson.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 3-1-0, passed. Chair Riley for, Mr. Bourgeois for, Mr. Swanson for, Mr. Doten against.

I. Approval of minutes

1. 7/15/21 joint meeting minutes

2. 7/20/21 meeting minutes

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to approve the minutes for 7/15/21 and 7/20/21 as submitted.

Seconded: by Mr. Swanson.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 3-0-1, passed. Chair Riley for, Mr. Bourgeois for, Mr. Swanson for, Mr. Doten abstained.

J. Adjournment

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 pm.

Seconded: by Mr. Swanson.
Discussion: none.
Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nikki Nourse*


Mary Y Riley (Aug 19, 2021 17:09 EDT)

Raymond Bourgeois
Raymond Bourgeois (Aug 19, 2021 17:48 EDT)

Keri P. Cole
Keri P. Cole (Aug 19, 2021 19:13 EDT)

Joe Swanson
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Final Audit Report

2021-08-19


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