

Town of Woodstock
Select Board
October 5, 2021
10:00 am
Town Hall & Zoom
Minutes

Draft minutes are subject to approval.

Present: Chair Mary Riley, Ray Bourgeois, John Doten, Keri Cole, Joe Swanson, Nikki Nourse, Bill Corson, Wayland Lord, Jennie Auster, Ernesto Fernandez, Patrick Fultz, Jill Davies, Fire Chief David Green, Paul Jensen, Elijah Lemieux, Kevin Geiger, Neal Leitner

A. Call to order

1. Chair Riley called the Select Board meeting of October 5, 2021, to order at 10:00 am.

B. Meeting protocols

1. Chair Riley discussed meeting protocols.

C. Additions to & deletions from posted agenda – none

D. Citizens comments

1. Mr. Corson stated that he has been doing research on the parks in Woodstock and their needs. He is putting something together for the Trustees and Select Board to review this month.

E. Manager's report – nothing to report

F. New business

1. Bylaw Modernization Grant Application

- a. Mr. Geiger stated that Woodstock is one of seven towns to go into this consortium application for this grant.

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to adopt the resolution for the FY22 Municipal Resolution for Bylaw Modernization.

Seconded: by Ms. Cole.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

2. Discussion of Engineering Study for the Main Wastewater Treatment Plant

- a. Ms. Auster stated that this is needed to put Woodstock in the queue for potential funding. The estimated fee is \$105,000 pending VTDEC approval. The Town would pay 50% of the engineering fee of \$52,500. The rest would be forgiven. The study could be completed in February if started now. There is no timeline to meet after the study is completed. They can adjust the schedule based on what funding is available. They can use ARPA funding for wastewater studies.
- b. Mr. Lemieux stated that this study would be beneficial for capital planning. It is helpful to what they have and the conditions and future needs.
- c. Mr. Lord stated that it is smart to move on this now.

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to approve Hoyle Tanner to proceed with the Main Wastewater Treatment Facility Engineering Study.

Seconded: by Mr. Swanson.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

3. Award of the Pollution Control Grant

a. Ms. Auster stated that the grant is for \$976,208. It will go towards the South Woodstock upgrade project.

4. Updated project costs for the South Woodstock Wastewater Treatment Plant project

a. Ms. Auster stated that the total project cost is \$4,199,368. The bond amount was \$2.8 million. There is \$208,660 left unaccounted for. They have completed the bid phase. The project can begin construction this spring. The worst case scenario is that they may have to rebid the project. She should have an answer by the next meeting.

G. Other business – none

H. Executive session to discuss litigation

Motion: by Mr. Swanson to enter executive session at 10:40 am.

Seconded: by Mr. Bourgeois.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

Executive session ended at 10:47 am.

I. Approval of minutes

1. 9/21/21 minutes

Motion: by Mr. Doten to approve the minutes of 9/21/21 as submitted.

Seconded: by Mr. Bourgeois.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

J. Adjournment

Motion: by Mr. Doten to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 am.

Seconded: by Mr. Swanson.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Nourse