

**Village of Woodstock  
Board of Trustees  
November 9, 2021  
6:30 pm  
Town Hall & Zoom  
Minutes**

**Draft minutes are subject to approval.**

**Present:** Chair Jeffrey Kahn, Seton McIlroy, Daphne Lowe, Brenda Blakeman, Bill Corson, William Kerbin, Nikki Nourse, Barbara Barry, Ben Jervey, Bob Holt, Isabelle Chiccoine, Jack Carter, Jill Davies, Jon Spector, Mary MacVey, Randy Richardson, Ray Bourgeois, Wanzhen Jon, Wendy Marrinan, Police Chief Robbie Blish

**A. Call to order**

1. Chair Kahn called the Village Trustees meeting of November 9<sup>th</sup> to order at 6:30 pm.

**B. Citizen comments – none**

**C. Additions to & deletions from posted agenda**

1. Addition – East End Park permit

**D. Manager's report**

**1. General report**

- a. Mr. Kerbin updated the Trustees about the budget discussions.

**2. Financial report**

- a. Chair Kahn stated that they are a third of the way through the year. One issue he sees is police department revenue which was brought up last month.
  - I. Chief Blish stated that this is due to the State. They have to wait for them for the revenue from tickets.

**E. Police Chief's report**

1. Chief Blish stated that they had the annual Thanksgiving food drive with the Woodstock Food Shelf. They collected 404 pounds of food. It is the best year they have had so far. They also received \$96 in cash donations. November 11<sup>th</sup> is the Veterans Day Parade. They have some traffic adjustments there for that. The parade steps off at about 10:55 am and they march down from the Legion Hall to the Courthouse. They have a brief ceremony and then they march back after some speeches. Turkey Trot is on Thanksgiving Day. They start at 10:00 am. Wassail is December 11<sup>th</sup>. Expect traffic delays. There will probably be a big turnout. Winter parking ban starts November 15<sup>th</sup>. Officers have been putting flyers on vehicles that have been parked in the streets overnight to give advanced heads up. Chief Blish will advertise it on List Serve as well.

**F. Permits**

1. **Parade permit – Woodstock Weekend Christmas Market – Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce – withdrawn**
2. East End Park permit
  - a. Chair Kahn stated that they are asking for permission for the wedding of her daughter, which is in Pomfret. They want to have the attendees for their wedding park at the East End public parking and then have vans

- pick them up and shuttle them to the wedding venue and then back again. It will be a considerable number of cars. It is on Memorial Day weekend.
- b. Ms. McIlroy is concerned because it is on Memorial Day weekend and people will be using the park.
  - c. Mr. Kerbin will contact Ms. Shahi and recommend they park at the High School.

## **G. New business**

### **1. East End Park parking lot discussion**

- a. Chair Kahn stated that this is concerning the possible acquisition of an acre of land owned by Woodstock Resort Corporation that would be purchased by the Village with funds from the South Woodstock grant attached to the South Woodstock Wastewater project. Parking is insignificant. One idea was to develop a parking lot East of East End Park down where the Riverwalk Trail has been developed but inside of it, where it is currently in the floodplain. Nothing can be built in that location. They may be able to construct a May through October parking lot there it would enable events to be held at East End Park with convenient parking. There are hurdles however due to the floodplain. They have consulted with the State, and it is not impossible. There are impervious pavers that you can put in the ground that might be allowable, but they do not know the cost.

### **2. Friends of Faulkner Park proposal**

- a. Ms. Marrinan stated that the Friends of Faulkner Park is a 501 c3 sanctioned by the State of Vermont and also by the Federal IRS as a public charity nonprofit. They have created a management plan. They shared it with Mary Riley, the chair of the Select Board. There is a drainage issue in the Town's right of way.
- b. The next step is to reach out the Trust that owns Faulkner Park.

### **3. Sidewalk sign discussion**

- a. Chair Kahn stated that for two years now the Trustees have granted use of sandwich boards on the sidewalks in the Village business district. This was originally because of worries about the effect of covid on the viability of the business community and to try to make things easier for them to stay in business. This expires at the end of October this year. He thinks it is important for the public and business community to know that those sidewalk sandwich signs are no longer permitted. Neal Leitner is looking into seeing if some businesses could have them. Businesses are allowed one item outside. The sign may qualify.
- b. Ms. Lowe stated that she has seen the signs used a lot. She likes the signs on the sidewalk. They encourage people to go into stores.
- c. Ms. Blakeman and Ms. McIlroy agreed with Ms. Lowe.
- d. Chair Kahn stated that they can take it up in the future.

### **4. Proposed next steps for local Cannabis Commission**

- a. Chair Kahn stated that they had talked about forming a pre-commission group. This is so voters in the Village and Town could have a sense about whether they would want to have public dispensaries for adult use of

marijuana in Woodstock. They decided it makes more sense to have one commission that covers both the Village and the Town.

**H. Other business – none.**

**I. Approval of minutes**

**1. 10/12/21 minutes**

a. Citizen comments – Pi

**Motion:** by Mr. Corson to approve the minutes of 10/12/21 with the one correction.

**Seconded:** by Ms. Lowe.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** 5-0-0, passed.

**J. Adjournment**

**Motion:** by Mr. Corson to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm.

**Seconded:** by Ms. McIlroy.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** 5-0-0, passed.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Nikki Nourse*