

**Town of Woodstock
Select Board Special Meeting
January 25, 2022
12:00 pm
Town Hall & Zoom
Minutes**

Draft minutes are subject to approval.

Present: Chair Mary Riley, Ray Bourgeois, John Doten, Keri Cole, Joe Swanson, William Kerbin, Nikki Nourse, Ernesto Fernandez, Susan Ford, Bill Corson, Elijah Lemieux, Roger Logan, Geoff Martin, Randy Richardson, Zoie Parent, Karim Houry, Barbara Barry, Michael Green, Wendy Marrinan

A. Call to order

1. Chair Riley called the Select Board Meeting of January 25, 2022, to order at 12:00 pm.

B. Additions to & deletions from posted agenda – none.

C. Budget discussion

1. Mr. Kerbin stated that they need to budget in the Town Police which is going to be \$433,410. He recommends that they look at a couple of capital reserve spending items. He recommends taking out the \$150,000 for sidewalks and \$70,000 for paving roads. He thinks that they could use ARPA funds. Infrastructure funding is coming with the new infrastructure bill in the next year or so.
2. Mr. Houry stated that they recently went through a capital budget presentation that shows a better discipline going forward.
3. Mr. Kerbin stated that he has asked each department to relook at their budgets. They have presented additional savings.
4. Billings Park Committee members are highly in favor of having a Parks Manager.
5. Mr. Richardson stated that a Parks Manager would be a benefit to the Town. The need is significant. They can look into grant funding. He understands that the budget is very limited to any increases this year.
6. Ms. Murrinan stated that she recommends having a commission for all parks and not just the two the BPC looks over.
7. Mr. Bourgeois stated that they need to go to all Department Heads to see where else they can cut. They cannot keep taking it out of Fire and Highway.
8. The Select Board will be meeting again January 26th at 4:00 pm.
9. They took EEI out of the budget, but they can put it as a special article. This will be discussed more tomorrow.

D. Other business – none.

E. Adjournment

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to adjourn the meeting at 1:01 pm.

Seconded: by Mr. Doten.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nikki Nourse*