

Town of Woodstock
Select Board Meeting
May 3, 2022
10:00 am
Town Hall & Zoom
Minutes

Draft minutes are subject to approval.

Present: Chair Joe Swanson, Ray Bourgeois, Keri Cole, Susan Ford, Fire Chief David Green, Nikki Nourse, Tom Meyerhoff, David Nixa, Gary Kessler, Seton McIlroy, Donna Lombard, Tess Hunter, Ethan Weinstein, Police Chief Robbie Blish, Karim Houry, Zoie Parent, Ernesto Fernandez, Al Alessi, Angela Ulman, Jon Spector, PJ Eames, Todd Ulman

A. Call to order

1. Chair Swanson called the Select Board meeting of May 3, 2022, to order at 10:00 am.

B. Additions to & deletions from posted agenda

1. Addition – Parade/Event permit – Killington Stage Race

C. Citizen comments – none.

D. Manager’s report

1. Chief Green stated that with Mary Riley being out, Mr. Bourgeois will be signing warrants on Thursdays. Taxes are due this Friday by end of business day. Green Up Day is this Saturday. Please meet at Town Hall at 8:00 am.

E. Permits

1. Parade/Event Permit – Killington Stage Race
 - a. Chair Swanson stated that this will be the same general route as before with the same coverage.
 - b. Mr. Kessler stated that they have not had the event the last two years because of covid restrictions. They are bringing it back this year. He will talk with Chief Blish regarding coverage at the end of Prosper Road coming on to Route 4.
 - c. Chair Swanson stated that that is the only main intersection that requires traffic control.
 - d. Chief Green stated that he has not received the permit yet.

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to approve the parade permit for Killington Stage Race.

Seconded: by Ms. Cole.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 3-0-1, passed. (Chair Swanson for, Mr. Bourgeois for, Ms. Cole for, Ms. Ford abstained)

F. Old business

1. Historical Preservation Committee

- a. Chair Swanson stated that they received the ordinance from Devin Coleman. It is a recommended commission. The Trustees have voted for it, but they are going to adopt this version in a future

meeting. There will be five members. They will also need to add 24 VSA section 4433.

Motion: by Ms. Ford to approve the ordinance for establishment of a Historic Preservation Commission as amended today.

Seconded: by Mr. Bourgeois.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

G. New business

1. Chat feature on Zoom

- a. Chair Swanson stated that the Select Board does not have the ability to regulate in real time the chat on Zoom. He thinks it is appropriate to disable the chat features for Zoom meetings. Most committees and commissions do not have it. There is no open meeting violation with disabling it.
- b. Ms. Ford agrees.
- c. Mr. Bourgeois stated that people can raise their hand if they have something to say. He is in favor of removing the chat.
- d. Mr. Spector stated that the EDC has not had a problem with chat. His preference would be to be allowed to continue using it.
- e. Chair Swanson stated that this decision is only for the Select Board.

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to disable the Zoom chat feature for Select Board meetings to the public allowing people to message the host regarding technical issues and leaving the option for the other commissions and committees to use the Zoom chat if they choose.

Seconded: by Ms. Ford.

Discussion: Mr. Nixa stated that if they Select Board is going to remove the chat, they need to make sure to call on people who raised their hand on Zoom.

Chair Swanson stated that they will make every effort to call on everyone who has their hand raised. They cannot see hands raised if you do not have your camera on.

Mr. Ulman stated that board members could be on Zoom and see the chat. He does it for EDC and School Board.

Vote: 3-1-0, passed. (Chair Swanson for, Mr. Bourgeois for, Ms. Ford for, Ms. Cole against)

2. Review special article

- a. Chair Swanson stated that HCRS located in Springfield, had a petition that was presented in time, but it did not make it on to the Town Meeting ballot. They requested \$3,247. He spoke to Charlie Degener, the Town Clerk, and he stated that the Select Board can vote to honor the request because it was submitted to the Town in time or hold a Special Town Meeting that is properly warned.
- b. Mr. Bourgeois stated that he thinks they should hold a Special Town Meeting.
- c. Chair Swanson recommended doing it before their June 21st meeting at 5:45 pm.

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to hold a Special Town Meeting for the petition request from HCRS for \$3,247 to be held on June 21, 2022, at 5:45 pm.

Seconded: by Ms. Ford.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

3. Planning Commission Vacancies

- a. Chair Swanson stated that there are two vacancies. They are ready to advertise to get those filled.

Motion: by Ms. Ford to advertise for the two Planning Commission vacancies.

Seconded: by Mr. Bourgeois.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

H. Other business – none.

I. Approval of minutes

1. 4/5/22 minutes
2. 4/11/22 minutes
3. 4/13/22 minutes
4. 4/19/22 minutes
5. 4/22/22 minutes

- a. Add David Nixa as present

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to approve the minutes for 4/5/22, 4/11/22, 4/13/22, 4/19/22, and 4/22/22 with the one change noted above.

Seconded: by Ms. Cole.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

J. Adjournment

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 am.

Seconded: by Ms. Ford.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nikki Nourse*