

Town & Village of Woodstock
Select Board & Board of Trustees Joint Meeting
May 31, 2022
6:30 pm
Town Hall & Zoom
Minutes

Draft minutes are subject to approval.

Present: Chair Joe Swanson, Ray Bourgeois, Keri Cole, Susan Ford, Chair Seton McIlroy, Jeffrey Kahn, Brenda Blakeman, Gabe DeLeon, Fire Chief David Green, Nikki Nourse, Karim Houry

A. Call to order

1. Select Board

a. Chair Swanson called the Joint Meeting of May 31, 2022, to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Trustees

a. Chair McIlroy called the Joint Meeting of May 31, 2022, to order at 6:30 pm.

B. Additions to & deletions from posted agenda

1. Additions

- a. Citizen comments
- b. Sidewalk permit
- c. Town Hall closing early on Fridays

C. Other business

1. Citizen comments

- a. Mr. Houry stated that he received a report regarding the quality of the Town's water. The quality is really good. There is a section of the report called uncorrected significant deficiencies. It has to do mostly with water pressure. There is a schedule of things that need to be done on or before 2016, 2017, and 2018. They are not in the report. Is this within the purview of the boards to follow up with the Woodstock Aqueduct?
 - i. Mr. Kahn stated that the Woodstock Aqueduct is a private company. Anyone can call them and ask questions.
 - ii. Ms. Ford stated that the Woodstock Aqueduct is under the purview of the Public Service Board. They monitor these kinds of things.

2. Sidewalk permit

- a. Chair McIlroy stated that this is for Stich Fix, which is a clothing company, who is planning to come to Woodstock to shoot their catalog. There are a number of places they want to shoot. A lot of locations are going to be on the sidewalk.
- b. Chief Green stated that there will be one or two days of shooting. It is during the week.
- c. Mr. Kahn stated that he does not have a problem with it.
- d. Chair McIlroy stated that it is Tuesday June 14th or Wednesday June 15th in the mornings.

Motion: by Mr. Kahn to approve the sidewalk permit for Stitch Fix.

Seconded: by Ms. Blakeman.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

3. Town Hall Closing Early on Fridays

- a. Chief Green stated that Town Hall has been closing early on Fridays in the summer for over 20 years. Last year was the first year it was voted on, so he did not realize it needed to be voted on yearly.
- b. Mr. Kahn stated that the time changed last year. It used to be from July 4th to Labor Day weekend. Last year it was approved for Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. They could use this as a Union bargaining chip.
- c. Chair Swanson stated that last year they put a note with the Town Manager's cell phone number in case there are emergencies.
- d. Chief Green stated that he is okay with putting his number on the door. It is unpaid leave for the employees.
- e. Mr. Bourgeois stated that employees can use vacation time to cover hours if wanted.
- f. Chair Swanson stated that this is a savings to the Town.
- g. Chief Green stated that they close at 2:00 pm.
- h. Mr. DeLeon stated that he is okay with it.
- i. Chair McIlroy stated that nobody comes in here.
- j. Ms. Cole stated that she thinks that closing at 2:00 pm on Fridays is a great idea.

Motion: by Ms. Cole to approve closing Town Hall on Fridays at 2:00 pm from Memorial Day to Labor Day with a sign as described.

Seconded: by Mr. Bourgeois.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

Motion: by Mr. DeLeon to approve closing Town Hall on Fridays at 2:00 pm from Memorial Day to Labor Day with a sign as described.

Seconded: by Ms. Blakeman.

Discussion: Ms. Blakeman stated that she thinks they should alternate staffing at keep it open until 4:00 pm.

Vote: 2-2-0, failed. (Chair McIlroy for, Mr. DeLeon for, Mr. Kahn against, Ms. Blakeman against)

D. Executive session to discuss personnel

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to enter executive session at 6:47 pm.

Seconded: by Ms. Ford.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

Motion: by Mr. Kahn to enter executive session at 6:47 pm.

Seconded: by Ms. Blakeman.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

The Select Board and Trustees exited executive session at 7:54 pm and resumed the public meeting.

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to allow Town Hall to close Friday afternoons at 2:00 pm from June 3, 2022, to September 2, 2022, and the manager will have a notice on the door with their phone number for emergencies.

Seconded: by Ms. Cole.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

Motion: by Chair McIlroy to allow Town Hall to close Friday afternoons at 2:00 pm from June 3, 2022, to September 2, 2022, and the manager will have a notice on the door with their phone number for emergencies.

Seconded: by Mr. DeLeon.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

E. Adjournment

1. Select Board

Motion: by Ms. Ford to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Seconded: by Mr. Bourgeois.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

2. Trustees

Motion: by Mr. Kahn to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Seconded: by Ms. Blakeman.

Discussion: none.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Nourse