

**Town of Woodstock
Select Board Meeting
April 18, 2023
6:30 pm
Town Hall & Zoom
Minutes**

Draft minutes are subject to approval.

Present: Chair Joe Swanson, Ray Bourgeois, Keri Cole, Susan Ford, Eric Duffy, Nikki Nourse, Justin Quinn, Tess Hunter, Jill Davies, Sarah Goldfine, Eric Lafayette, Bill Corson, Alita Wilson, Jon Spector, Michael Caduto, Rebecca Mitchell, Mark Hunter, Jacob Chalif, Jenevra Wetmore, Deanna Jones

A. Call to order

1. Chair Swanson called the Select Board meeting of April 18, 2023, to order at 6:00 pm.

B. Billings Park Commission Interviews

1. Jacob Chalif

- a. Mr. Chalif stated that he grew up on Long Island. During covid he moved up here. He works at Dartmouth. He wants to help protect trails.

2. Sarah Goldfine

- a. Ms. Goldfine wants to have a hands-on role in preserving and maintain town parks for safe recreational and educational use. She looks forward to learning sustainable trail building and maintenance practices and facilitating engaging educational opportunities.

Motion: by Ms. Ford to appoint Jacob Chalif and Sarah Goldfine to the Billings Park Commission.

Seconded: by Mr. Bourgeois.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

C. Conservation Commission Interviews

1. Justin Quinn

- a. Mr. Quinn stated that he grew up in Woodstock. He went to Woodstock Union High School. He is a 3rd generation Woodstock resident. His grandfather had a dairy farm on Prosper Road. Has an interest in conservation in Woodstock.

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to appoint Justin Quinn to the Conservation Commission.

Seconded: by Ms. Ford.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

D. Additions to & deletions from posted agenda

1. Addition – EEI loan figures

E. Citizen comments – none.

F. Manager's report

1. General report

- a. Attended conference last week in Burlington which was very useful.
- b. Had conference with school and hope to have a better municipal/school relationship.

c. Annual audit meeting will be on May 2nd at 6:30 pm.

2. Financial report

a. No questions.

G. Permits

1. Liquor license applications

a. Soulfully Good – Outside Consumption Permit

b. Shine Associates/Woodstock Beverage – 2nd Class, Tobacco

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to approve the liquor license applications for Soulfully Good and Shine Associates subject to State review.

Seconded: by Ms. Ford.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

H. Old business

1. ARPA survey & expenditures discussion

a. Chair Swanson stated that ultimately how the ARPA money is spent is decided on by the Select Board. However, they appreciate everyone presenting so they can make an informed decision. He has talked to Chief Green about the air packs for the Fire Department. The total will be \$115,840. They will put that money aside for now. He may not need that much.

b. Billings Park Dam removal - \$290,000.

c. Improvements to Town Hall.

d. Road sign additions and updates. Signs would total \$1,000-\$2,000.

e. Carlton Hill project - \$400,000. No grant possibilities.

f. Main Wastewater Treatment Plant.

g. Design for South Woodstock Wastewater Treatment Plant.

h. Equal Energy Opportunities for all Project.

i. Thompson Senior Center.

I. New business

1. EDC grant recommendations for The Mill School

Motion: by Chair Swanson to approve the EDC grant of \$94,679.20 to The Mill School contingent on the Certificate of Occupancy saying they can have 17 children. If the amount is deemed less, the EDC can distribute less accordingly.

Seconded: by Mr. Bourgeois.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

2. Update from the Investment Advisory Committee

a. Ms. Davies stated that the fund total includes \$113,459 allocated to the VCLF. The asset portion of the fund is allocated at 60% equities, and 40% bonds. Equities have been within a 1% difference of the S&P 500 for 3 of the past 6 months and have outperformed 3 of the past 6 months. Bonds have been within 1% difference of the S&P US Bond Index for 6 of the past months and has outperformed 3 of the past 6 months.

b. Total is \$1,746,854. It is up 4.7% since 9/30/22.

J. Other business

1. EEI loan figures

- a. The total loan amount is \$647,550.
- b. Option 1. 15 year loan with an interest rate of 4.990%. Payments would be \$62,344.29.
- c. Option 2. 10 year loan with an interest rate of 4.970%. Payments would be \$83,738.556.

K. Board of Sewer Commissioners

1. Sewer abatement request – Battilana – 6 Swain Street

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to deny the sewer abatement request for 6 Swain Street for this year, but they will approve the rate be changed to a single rate for next year with the understanding that way they bill sewer may change.

Seconded: by Ms. Ford.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

L. Approval of minutes

1. 4/4/23 minutes

- a. Change to Ms. Oldenburg's approval. She needed to produce a letter from her condo association that states she can only have one person in their unit.

M. Adjournment

Motion: by Ms. Cole to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Seconded: by Mr. Bourgeois.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nikki Nourse*