

**Town of Woodstock
Select Board Special Meeting
May 23, 2023
3:00 pm
Town Hall & Zoom
Minutes**

Draft minutes are subject to approval.

Present: Chair Joe Swanson, Ray Bourgeois, Mary Riley, Keri Cole, Eric Duffy, Nikki Nourse, Todd Ulman, Zoie Parent, Jon Spector, Beth Finlayson, Roger Logan, Fire Chief David Green, Jill Davies

A. Call to order

1. Chair Swanson called the Select Board Special Meeting of May 23, 2023, to order at 3:00 pm.

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

C. Citizen comments – none.

D. Old business

1. Review of EDC decision on housing projects

- a. Chair Swanson read a letter from Susan Ford (included in minutes).

Motion: by Chair Swanson to reconsider the motion from the 5/16/23 Select Board Meeting regarding the EDC housing projects.

Seconded: by Ms. Riley.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to approve 6 month leases for seasonal employees.

Seconded: by Ms. Cole.

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

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to approve basing the incentive amounts primarily on the number of Woodstock employees being housed.

Seconded: by Ms. Cole.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

Motion: by Ms. Cole to table the discussion to allow incentives for rental units in neighboring towns.

Seconded: by Mr. Bourgeois.

Discussion: Mr. Bourgeois would like them to get more information regarding liability on this.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

- b. The Housing Working Group will look into the idea of having a 2nd program that incentivizes current landlords so they do not switch to short-term rentals.

E. Other business – none.

F. Adjournment

Motion: by Mr. Bourgeois to adjourn the meeting at 3:49 pm.

Seconded: by Ms. Riley.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nikki Nourse*

From: Susan Ford <susanford412@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 2:32 PM
To: Eric Duffy <eduffy@townofwoodstock.org>
Subject: Re: 3:00 meeting

My concern is that we reward the errant, those that do AirBnb. We have some landlords in town who have always done long term rentals. I know it doesn't meet the objective of increasing rooms but it would be nice to reward them before money goes out of town. Jon Spector knows I had the same issue with a commercial rent incentive that they did too. The carrot approach always seems to reward the wrong people

Susan B Ford