

**Town of Woodstock
Select Board Meeting
July 18, 2023
9:30 am
Town Hall & Zoom
Minutes**

Draft minutes are subject to approval.

Present: Ray Bourgeois, Susan Ford, Mary Riley, Keri Cole, Eric Duffy, Mark Hunter, Jon Spector

A. Call to order

1. Vice-Chair Bourgeois called the Select Board meeting of July 18, 2023, to order at 9:30 am.

B. Additions to & deletions from posted agenda

C. Citizen comments – none.

D. Manager's report

1. General report

- a. Mr. Duffy reported on the current situation regarding the recent storm and water issues. The Woodstock Aqueduct now has the required piping, and tests for bacteria will be conducted once water flows appropriately through it. Once the tests come back clean, the no-drink water and boil order will be lifted. Citizens were asked to conserve water until adequate supply is restored. State agencies from Vermont were providing assistance to residents impacted by the flood.
- b. Thanks were expressed to DPW, Mark Hunter, and his crew, as well as Chief Green, Chief Blish, and Chief Swanson, for their non-stop efforts to ensure safety and water availability after the storm. Gratitude was extended the businesses and residents who offered support and assistance to the community during this challenging time.
- c. Joe Swanson, the former Chair of the Select Board, submitted a letter of resignation due to his new role as Police Chief of the Woodstock Village Police. Zoie Parent, the Staff Accountant, will be leaving on August 4th, and appreciation was expressed for her work.

2. Financial report

- a. The fiscal year is over, and although there may be additional bills trickling in, the Town is in a pretty good financial position.

E. Old business

1. Woodstock sewer line agreement

Motion: by Ms. Ford to approve the signing of the supplementary agreement provided that the revision at the bottom of the first page is changed to Town of Woodstock.

Seconded: by Ms. Cole.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

2. Potential closure of Cloudland Road during foliage season

- a. A plan for the foreclosure of Cloudland Road and Barber Hill Road during foliage season was presented. This proposal will be presented to the Pomfret Select Board for consideration.

F. New business

- 1. Request for Local Government Certification – tabled.**
- 2. South Woodstock Wastewater Treatment Plant beautification discussion**

G. Other business

1. The EDC (Economic Development Commission) meeting is scheduled for Thursday night at 6:30 pm, and the agenda was shared with the Select Board.
2. Discussion on potential programs for local businesses impacted by the recent storm took place.
3. FEMA and the Small Business Administration are expected to provide loans to businesses.
4. The EDC will make recommendations to the Select Board regarding loans and grants for businesses.

H. Board of Sewer Commissioners

1. Sewer permits

a. 853 Rose Hill Road – Peters

Motion: by Ms. Cole to approve the sewer permit for 853 Rose Hill Road.

Seconded: by Ms. Ford.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

b. 217-4 Maxham Meadow Way – Olson

Motion: by Ms. Cole to approve the sewer permit for 217-4 Maxham Meadow Way.

Seconded: by Ms. Ford.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

c. 0 Slayton Terrace – 61 Central Street LLC

Motion: by Ms. Cole to approve the sewer permit for 0 Slayton Terrace.

Seconded: by Ms. Ford.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

I. Executive session

The Select Board entered executive session at 10:07 am.

The Select board exited executive session and resumed the public meeting at 10:16 am.

Motion: by Ms. Cole to nominate Ms. Ford for Vice-Chair.

Seconded: by Ms. Riley.

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

Motion: by Ms. Ford to nominate Mr. Bourgeois for Chair.

Seconded: by Ms. Cole.

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

J. Approval of minutes

- 1. 5/2/23 joint minutes**
- 2. 5/16/23 minutes**
- 3. 5/23/23 minutes**
- 4. 5/31/23 joint minutes 1**

5. 5/31/23 joint minutes 2

6. 6/20/23 minutes

Motion: by Ms. Ford to approve the minutes of 5/16/23, 5/23/23, 5/31/23 joint minutes 1&2, and 6/20/23 as submitted.

Seconded: by Ms. Riley.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

K. Adjournment

Motion: by Ms. Ford to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 am.

Seconded: by Ms. Cole.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nikki Nourse*