

**Town of Woodstock
Select Board Meeting
August 15, 2023
6:00 pm
Town Hall & Zoom
Minutes**

Draft minutes are subject to approval.

Present: Chair Ray Bourgeois, Susan Ford, Mary Riley, Keri Cole, Eric Duffy, Nikki Nourse, Hayley Bauer, Steven Bauer, Wendy Marrinan, Benjamin Brickner, Tess Hunter, John Peters, Donna Foster, Tim Morten, Lauren Dorsey, Jon Spector, Roger Logan, Jody Himebaugh, Peggy Fraser, Cathy Emmons, Alita Wilson, Susie Stulz, Jen Falvey, Gannon Osborn, Laura Powell, Seton McIlroy, Eric Demas

A. Call to order

1. Chair Bourgeois called the Select Board Meeting of August 15, 2023, to order at 6:00 pm.

B. Conservation Commission Interview – Lauren Dorsey

2. Ms. Dorsey expressed her passion for Woodstock, having moved to the area 13 years ago. She had previously been involved with the Village Development Review Board and wanted to contribute more to the community.

Motion: By Ms. Ford to appoint Lauren Dorsey to the Conservation Commission.

Seconded: by Ms. Cole.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

C. EDC Interview – Michael Green

1. Mr. Green gave details about his background and reasons for joining were discussed.

Motion: by Ms. Ford to appoint Michael Green to the EDC.

Seconded: by Ms. Cole.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

D. Planning Commission Interview – Benjamin Pauly

1. Mr. Pauly shared his connection to Woodstock and his interest in contributing to the Town's development.

Motion: by Ms. Ford to appoint Benjamin Pauly to the Planning Commission.

Seconded: by Ms. Riley.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

E. Additions to & deletions from posted agenda

1. Additions
 - a. Eastern States Cup permit

Motion: by Ms. Ford to approve the Parade Permit for the Eastern States Cup with the condition that a certificate of insurance is submitted.

Seconded: by Ms. Riley.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

- b. Select Board meeting
 - i. The next Select Board meeting will be on August 29th. The morning meeting on September 5th has been cancelled.
- c. Cloudland Road closing

Motion: by Ms. Ford to support the road closing of Cloudland Road from 9/23/23 to 10/15/23.

Seconded: by Ms. Cole.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

F. Citizen comments – none.

G. Manager’s report

1. General report

- a. Mr. Duffy provided updates on water conservation efforts, mentioning ongoing water conservation due to Woodstock Aqueduct issues.

H. Liquor license applications

1. Ottauquechee Yacht Club

2. Pizza Chef

Motion: by Ms. Ford to approve the liquor license applications for Ottauquechee Yacht Club and Pizza Chef with the condition that the State is checking these.

Seconded: by Ms. Riley.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

I. Old business

1. Town Hall Building Committee update

- a. Discussion regarding the State of Town Hall was held.

2. ESHQUA Bog sign at the intersection of Hartland Hill Road and Garvin Hill Road

- a. Mr. Duffy will ask Mark Hunter about this.

J. New business

1. Ambulance write-offs

Motion: by Ms. Ford to approve the ambulance write offs for \$91,660.63.

Seconded: by Ms. Riley.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

2. Conservation project in the Town of Woodstock

- a. The State’s proposed land exchange involving Coolidge State Forest was discussed.

Motion: by Ms. Ford to support the project.

Seconded: by Ms. Cole.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

3. Short term rental and bed & breakfast temporary moratorium interim bylaw

- a. Discussion focused on potential changes to short-term rental regulations. A moratorium was proposed to assess and potentially simplify the permitting process, which was deemed burdensome for both applicants and the planning office. Concerns about the impact on real estate and local businesses were raised, as well as the need to consider both the Village and Town regulations.
- b. The possibility of simplifying the permitting process was revisited. The Planning Commission emphasized the need to balance regulations and ease of compliance.
- c. Concerns were raised about the potential impact of regulations on current homeowners and potential buyers of affected properties.

Motion: by Ms. Cole to temporarily pause new short-term rental permits from October 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024, in order to assess and potentially streamline the process.

Seconded: by Ms. Riley.

Vote: 3-0-0, passed. (Ms. Ford left the meeting).

K. Other business

1. There will be Select Board interviews on August 22nd at 7:00 pm.

L. Approval of minutes

1. 7/18/23 minutes

Motion: by Ms. Cole to approve the minutes of 7/18/23 as submitted.

Seconded: by Ms. Riley.

Vote: 3-0-0, passed.

M. Adjournment

Motion: by Ms. Riley to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm.

Seconded: by Ms. Cole.

Vote: 3-0-0, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Nourse