

**Town of Woodstock
Select Board Special Meeting
December 13, 2023
10:00 am
Town Hall& Zoom
Minutes**

Draft minutes are subject to approval.

Present: Chair Ray Bourgeois, Susan Ford, Keri Cole, Greg Fullerton, Laura Powell, Eric Duffy, Nikki Nourse, Robert Densmore, Alita Wilson, Tim McCarthy, Gail Devine, Wendy Marrinan, Deanna Jones, Claire McFarland, Michael Richie

A. Call to order

1. Chair Bourgeois called the Select Board Special Meeting of December 13, 2023, to order at 10:01 am.

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

C. Citizen comments – none.

D. FY25 budget

1. Pentangle

- a. The expenses related to the theater, including utility budgets, were highlighted, emphasizing the challenges faced due to aging infrastructure. Questions regarding the budget year and specific allocations were raised, with the aim of maintaining the organization's operations.

2. Thompson Center

- a. The Thompson Center's significant growth in membership was highlighted, showcasing a substantial increase in sign-ups and active members. The expansion of programs and services, including an assistant director role, indicated a response to community needs.
- b. Ms. Jones discussed the growth and expansion of community service programs, including the addition of a home share program and handyman services. The meeting also covered the Thompson Centers budget, with a total expense budget of \$811,000 and income of \$708,000, resulting in a withdrawal from invested funds of \$102,000. They are also seeking an increase in funding from Woodstock.

3. Library

- a. Representatives from the Library outlined high visitation numbers and their outreach efforts to homebound individuals.
- b. The impact of budget cuts on service hours and community engagement was discussed in detail.

4. Rec Center

- a. The Rec Center, responsible for sports programming and maintenance of Vail Field, highlighted challenges in meeting increased demands due to a growing population. Funding sources and dependence on Town support were emphasized. The discussion delved into the history of the Little Theater, particularly its challenges post-tropical storm Irene. Maintenance issues and

lack of prior work on the facility were mentioned, affecting its resilience to unforeseen events like recent flooding.

E. Other business

1. There will be a vote on the budget on December 18th at 5:30 pm.

F. Adjournment

Motion: by Ms. Ford to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 am.

Seconded: by Ms. Cole.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Nourse