

Town & Village of Woodstock
Select Board & Board of Trustees Joint Meeting
March 27, 2024
6:00 pm
Town Hall & Zoom
Minutes

Draft minutes are subject to approval.

Present: Chair Ray Bourgeois, Susan Ford, Keri Cole, Greg Fullerton, Laura Powell, Chair Seton McIlroy, Jeffrey Kahn, Brenda Blakeman, Bill Corson, Frank Horneck, Eric Duffy, Nikki Levakis, Brett Ralph, Mary Auriema, Gina Auriema, Brian Burns, Don Wheeler, Betsy Wheeler, Susan Fuller, David Hill, Doreen Hurley, Joe Jaynes, Sam DiNatale, Hunter Melville, Jessica Melville, Gail Scatchard, Derek Demas, Carolyn Long, Hayley Bauer, Kevin O’Neill, Jill Davies, Liz Sauchelli, Roger Logan, Marisa Traniello, Greg Maxwell, Michael Peters, Tom Meyerhoff, Cynthia Volk, Kathy Washburn, Benjamin Foley, David Brown, Steven Bauer, Kim Zwetchkenbaum, BJ Dunn, Charles D’Ambrosio, Marisa Serafini, Paula Townsend

A. Call to order

1. Select Board

- a. Chair Bourgeois called the joint meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Trustees

- a. Chair McIlroy called the joint meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

B. Additions & deletions from posted agenda

- 1. Announcement of Bill Corson’s decision to step down from the Trustees effective April 1st.
 - a. Plans were made to discuss next steps in finding a new Trustee in a meeting scheduled for Friday morning.
- 2. Discussion regarding a letter of support for a grant application for the main wastewater plant.

Motion: by Keri Cole to grant Chair Bourgeois permission to sign the letter of support for the main wastewater treatment plant when ready.

Seconded: by Susan Ford.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

C. Citizen comments – none

D. Discussions

1. Conflict of interest refresher

- a. A discussion was held regarding the conflict of interest policy for the Town and the Village.
- b. It was proposed to update the policy to include perceived conflicts of interest as well.

2. Short term rental ordinance informational presentation from Planning Commission

- a. The Planning Commission provided information and plans for potential updates.
- b. A tentative date in late April was set for a potential vote on the updated ordinance.
- c. The Planning Commission presented findings and recommendations regarding short term rental regulations.

- d. Discussion ensued, covering various aspects such as the number of permits, enforcement, and potential impacts on the community.
- e. Concerns and questions from attendees were addressed.
- f. Attendees were invited to share comments and concerns regarding short term rental regulations.
- g. Various perspectives were presented, highlighting both support for regulations and concerns about potential impacts on property owners and the community.
- h. Several meetings are scheduled in the upcoming weeks to further discuss short term rental regulations.
- i. Attendees were encouraged to attend and provide input.
- j. The new ordinance if approved would not take effect until 2025.

E. Votes

1. Interim bylaw to prohibit new short term rentals through December 31, 2024

Motion: by Susan Ford to approve the interim bylaw to prohibit new short term rental through December 31, 2024.

Seconded: by Greg Fullerton.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

F. Adjournment

1. Select Board

Motion: by Susan Ford to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm.

Seconded: by Keri Cole.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

2. Trustees

Motion: by Chair McIlroy to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm.

Seconded: by Jeffrey Kahn.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nikki Levakis*