

Town of Woodstock
Select Board Meeting
May 21, 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, Eric Duffy, Takis Hinaris, Daniel Peirce, Michael Stoner, Sarah West, Roger Logan, Jenevra Wetmore, Katherine King, Andrew Winter, Anne Hill, Kevin Geiger, Wendy Marrinan

- A. Call to order
 - 1. Chair Bourgeois called the Select Board meeting of May 21st to order at 6:00 pm.
- B. EDC interviews
 - 1. Takis Hinaris
 - a. Takis Hinaris has a Greek origin. He moved to the US in 1976.
 - b. Takis settled in Woodstock full time in 2018.
 - c. He has a background in business, co-founded a software company, and held senior positions in various companies.
 - d. Experience in deploying treasury software solutions for large corporations.
 - e. Expressed a desire to contribute to the community through the EDC.
 - f. Followed EDC meetings and projects and feels he can be of help.
 - 2. Daniel Peirce
 - a. Daniel Peirce recently moved to Woodstock with his wife.
 - b. Daniel has experience in community development with Save the Children and in corporate America as a marketer.
 - c. He has practical experience in renovation and beautification from working with a contractor in California.
 - d. Motivated to contribute to community development in Woodstock.
- C. Additions to & deletions from posted agenda
 - 1. Sewer permit – Steve Hiller
- D. Citizen comments
 - 1. Amendment passed on November 17, 2022, not specifically about Peacefield Farm but supported due to its association.
 - a. Clase limits on on-farm restaurant to a 2,800 square foot facility.
 - b. Suggestions were made to get rid of that clause.
 - 2. Concerns were raised about standing water and erosion due to new construction at Watkins Way.
 - a. Discussion on the impact of heavy equipment on local roads and properties.
- E. Manager’s report
 - 1. Review of current fiscal year’s budget.
 - 2. Discussion on potential improvements in managing these budgets.
 - 3. Addressed burnout issues within the Highway Department, especially for the previous Director.

4. The goal is for the new personnel policy to be in place by July 1st.

F. Votes

1. WISPr project

a. Presentation by Katherine King, project developer from Vermont's Agency of Natural Resources.

b. Authorization needed to increase the principal of the WISPr program.

Motion: by Laura Powell to authorize up to \$280,000 in additional indebtedness for the natural resources project, to be fully forgiven or cancelled upon the completion of the natural resources project.

Seconded: by Susan Ford.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

2. Killington Stage Race – GMSR

Motion: by Laura Powell to approve the Killington Stage Race for GMSR.

Seconded: by Greg Fullerton.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

3. Utility line rebuild, Skyland Ln – GMP

Motion: by Laura Powell to approve GMP replacing the utility line within the Town of Woodstock's highway right of way that begins at the intersection of Skyland Lane and Dunham Hill Road.

Seconded: by Susan Ford.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

4. GMHA – trail usage for 2024

Motion: by Susan Ford to approve GMHA to use the listed trails pending a COI.

Seconded: by Laura Powell.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

5. Sewer permits

a. TPHT Melishwood Housing – 34-38 Pleasant Street – 21.51.22

Motion: by Keri Cole to approve the sewer permit for TPHT Melishwood Housing for 34-38 Pleasant Street as submitted.

Seconded: by Laura Powell.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

b. Lombard & Holland – 26 Mount Peg

Motion: Keri Cole to approve the sewer permit for Lombard & Holland for 26 Mount Peg as submitted.

Seconded: by Laura Powell.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

c. Steve Hiller – 39 South Street

Motion: by Laura Powell to approve the ser permit for Steve Hiller for 39 South Street as submitted.

Seconded: by Keri Cole.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

6. Agreement between Hoyle Tanner and the Town regarding main wastewater plant

Motion: by Laura Powell to accept the agreement between Hoyle Tanner and the Town regarding the Main Wastewater Plant.

Seconded: by Keri Cole.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

7. Village Center designation

Motion: by Susan Ford to have the Municipal Manager and Planning & Zoning Department to renew Woodstock's village center designation.

Seconded: by Laura Powell.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

G. Discussions

1. Woodstock Aqueduct Company

a. There was a general update regarding the public forum and the progress the Town has made.

b. There were still questions regarding the ability to have new hookups.

c. Discussion on the lack of notification about a main break on Elm Street.

d. Emphasis on the need for better communication from the Aqueduct.

2. RIVER project

a. Overview of ongoing and proposed projects.

b. Considerations for floodplain building and dredging.

c. Working in Woodstock, Bridgewater, and Plymouth.

H. Other business – none.

I. Executive session

Motion: by Susan Ford to enter executive session under 1VSA313 at 7:04 pm.

Seconded: by Laura Powell.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

The Select Board exited executive session and resumed the public meeting at 7:23 pm.

Motion: by Susan Ford to appoint Daniel Peirce to the EDC.

Seconded: by Laura Powell.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

J. Approval of minutes

1. 4/16/24 minutes

2. 4/17/24 joint minutes

Motion: by Laura Powell to approve the minutes for 4/16/24 and 4/17/24 as submitted.

Seconded: by Greg Fullerton.

Vote: 4-0-1, passed. (Ray for, Keri for, Greg for, Laura for, Susan abstained)

3. 4/24/24 joint minutes

Motion: by Susan Ford to approve the minutes for 4/24/24 as submitted.

Seconded: by Laura Powell.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

K. Adjournment

Motion: by Laura Powell to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm.

Seconded: by Greg Fullerton.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Nikki Levakis