

**Town of Woodstock  
Select Board Special Meeting  
May 7, 2024  
5:00 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, Charlie Kimbell, Tim Aube, Craig Jewett, William Nickerson, Susie Stulz, Jill Davies, Roger Logan, Wendy Marrinan, Matt Stout, John King, Susan Boston, David Boston, Pat Hestenberg, David Brown, Seth Westbrook, Robert Vaughan, Edward Esmond, Patricia Wilson, Kerilyn Bristow, Nora Mitchell, Rolt Diamant, Lisa Lawlor, Jeffrey Kahn, Tom List, Cindy List, Carolyn Kimbell, Thomas Beck, Rod Leonard, Graham Hankey, Norine Hopewell, Karen McGee, Mark McElroy, Amy McElroy

**A. Call to order**

1. Chair Bourgeois called the Select Board meeting of May 7<sup>th</sup> to order at 5:00 pm.

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

**C. Citizen comments – none.**

**D. Public forum to discuss the Woodstock Aqueduct Company**

**1. Financial & infrastructure due diligence report**

- a. Tim Aube provided an overview of the research findings, highlighting the capital expenditures required, operational challenges, and the need for proactive maintenance and improvements.
- b. The discussion touched upon the current state of the water system, including its age and potential risks.
- c. A review of the hydraulic conditions during fire flow events was presented, along with concerns regarding system depressurization and potential contaminants.
- d. The need for future considerations, such as backup water supply and compliance with state regulations, was emphasized.
- e. Recommendations were made for phased capital projects post-acquisition, focusing on the transmission main and tank projects to improve system efficiency and reliability.
- f. Discussion ensued regarding potential synergies, administrative functions, and the financial implications of Town ownership versus current ownership.
- g. Questions from the public were addressed, covering topics such as the feasibility of selling reservoirs, timeline for project implementation, segregation of water systems, and expansion limitations due to hydraulic capacity constraints.

**E. Other business – none.**

**F. Adjournment**

Motion: by Laura Powell to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 pm.

Seconded: by Susan Ford.

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Nikki Levakis*