

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 marketing.
    - 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. There is a clause that limits an 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.

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

  
Raymond Bourgeois (Jun 20, 2024 12:23 EDT)

  
Keri Cole (Jul 30, 2024 12:00 EDT)



  
Susan B Ford (Jun 21, 2024 10:14 EDT)

  
Greg Fullerton (Jul 8, 2024 17:52 EDT)