Town of Woodstock
Select Board Meeting
August 12th, 2024
2:00 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, Jill Davies, Tom Ayes, Peggy Fraser

A. Call to order

- 1. Chair Bourgeois called the Select Board meeting of July 16th at 2:00 pm.
- B. Addition to & deletions from posted agenda -none
- C. Citizen's Comments -None
- D. Executive Session 1 V.S.A 313 (2:02PM)

To discuss potential contracts that after making a specific finding that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body, or a person involved, at a substantial disadvantage.

Motion: by Susan Ford

Seconded: by Greg Fullerton

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

E. Discussion – Potential Capital Projects Pending acquisition of the Woodstock Aqueduct Company. (2:08PM)

The meeting discussed the Woodstock aqueduct and associated capital projects. Key points included the need for the Select Board to review Craig Jewett's engineering report and recommendations for necessary capital projects to ensure adequate water flow and compliance with state regulations. Specific projects mentioned were the suspension of the water main on Elm Street, tank repairs, and main replacements along Cox District Road and Route 4. The total estimated cost for these projects is around \$10 million. The board emphasized the importance of these projects if the town acquires the water company, noting that federal and state funding opportunities are available to municipalities but not to private companies.

- Laura highlights the benefits and costs of various capital projects, including the water main suspension and tank repairs. The presentation also covers the replacement of deteriorated mains and potential federal funding opportunities.
- Laura clarifies that option 1B includes option 1A and recommends doing 1B for comprehensive improvements

F. Citizen's Comments -None

Tom Ayes Askes a question about the East End, Laura Powell explains the East End study question, focusing on necessary flow for East End development.

Peggy Fraiser inquiries about the debt of the aqueduct company.

G. Adjournment

Motion: by Ray Bourgeois to adjourn the meeting at 2:21 pm.

Seconded: by Greg Fullerton

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

Respectfully submitted, Kitty Mears Koar

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