

**Town of Woodstock
Selectboard Meeting
October 23rd, 2024
5:00 PM
Town Hall & Zoom
Minutes**

Draft minutes are subject to approval.

Present: Chair Ray Bourgeois, Laura Powell, Greg Fullerton, Susan Ford, Keri Cole

Staff: Eric Duffy

Public: Kyle Katz, Spencer Hayes, Roger Logan, Peter Shoemaker

Call to order

1. Chair Ray Bourgeois called the Selectboard meeting of October 23rd to order at 5:01PM

B. Addition to & deletions from posted agenda

C. Citizen Comments – None

D. Discussion

Ray Bourgeois read a statement from the Selectboard who condemns the theft and destruction of a pride flag at Prosper Valley School.

E. Discussion

River Project Discussion

Eric Duffy discusses the river project, mentioning feedback from Selectboard members, a representative from Ottawaquechee Two Rivers Commission is present to answer questions.

Susan Ford inquired about the time frame for grant applications, and Kyle Katz confirms the need to get application materials together by the end of the year.

FY 25 Salt Bid Award

Eric Duffy reports that only two companies bid for salt, with Cargill being the only one providing a bid for treated salt.

Motion: by Chair Ray Bourgeois to approve the salt bid to Cargill (5:05PM)

Seconded: by Laura Powell

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

Cannabis License Approval- Sunkissed Farm Inc.

Eric Duffy discusses the cannabis license approval, mentioning an appeal, the need to represent zoning decisions and the advice of attorneys.

Susan Ford asks about the interplay with the moratorium, and Eric Duffy explains the conditional approval based on the environmental division's decision.

Spencer Hayes introduces himself and explains the need for approval to operate in the Mountain Creamery building.

Motion: by Laura Powell to approve the cannabis license conditionally on the environmental appeal (5:09PM)

Seconded: by Susan Ford

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

Public Form for the Acquisition of the Woodstock Aqueduct Company

Eric Duffy reads a public comment from the Woodstock Area Mountain Bike Association, highlighting the benefits of the Woodstock Aqueduct property for recreational use.

Susan Ford responds to the comment, confirming the Selectboard's intention to include the Vondell property in the December 10th bond vote and ensure continued recreational use.

Roger Logan raises concerns about the potential for future development of the property, and Susan Ford explains the challenges and current plans.

Laura Powell mentions a GIS map on the town's website that shows potential development areas.

Discussion of potential Water budget

Eric Duffy presents a detailed water budget, breaking down expenses for salaries, employee benefits, operating expenses, utilities, interest expenses, and miscellaneous expenses.

Laura Powell asks about licensing costs and maintenance for the new tank, and Eric Duffy agrees to increase the maintenance budget.

Roger Logan inquired about the timing for tank repairs, and Susan Ford explains that it is part of the engineering process.

Laura Powell suggests including machinery and vehicle redundancy in the budget, and Eric Duffy agrees to consider it.

Eric Duffy explains the allocation of costs for internal staff and the potential impact on user fees and bond payments.

Peter Shoemaker suggests putting the tank project into the user budget and raising user fees to cover it, rather than relying on taxpayer bonds.

Eric Duffy and Susan Ford discuss the potential for FEMA funding and the need to plan for future capital projects.

F. Adjournment

Motion: by Chair Ray Bourgeois to adjourn the meeting at (5:50 PM)

Seconded: by Laura Powell

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kitty Mears Koar