

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> to order at 5:01PM

**B. Addition to & deletions from posted agenda**

**C. Citizen Comments**

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

**D. Discussion**

**River Project Discussion**

Eric Duffy discussed the river project, mentioning feedback from Selectboard members, a representative from Ottawaquechee Two Rivers Commission was 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 reported that only two companies bid for salt, with Cargill being the only one providing a bid for treated salt.

Motion: by Chair Susan Ford 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 discussed the cannabis license approval, mentioning an appeal, the need to represent zoning decisions and the advice of attorneys.

Spencer Hayes introduced 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 ensure continued recreational use.

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

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

**Discussion of potential Water budget**

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

Laura Powell asked about licensing costs and maintenance for the new tank, and Eric Duffy agreed 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 suggested including machinery and vehicle redundancy in the budget, and Eric Duffy agreed to consider it.

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

Peter Shoemaker suggested 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 discussed the potential for FEMA funding and the need to plan for future capital projects.

**E. 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

  
Greg Mullerton (Nov 25, 2024 19:44 EST)

  
Keri Cole (Nov 22, 2024 19:31 EST)

  
Raymond Bourgeois (Nov 23, 2024 07:57 EST)