

**Town of Woodstock
Selectboard Meeting
November 4th, 2024
1:00 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: Michael Brands

Call to order

1. Chair Ray Bourgeois called the Selectboard meeting of November 4th to order at 1:00PM

B. Addition to & deletions from posted agenda

C. Citizen Comments

Michael Brands expresses frustration over not receiving a reply to their letter sent October 24th concerning run off from a neighbor's property, which has been an ongoing issue for three years.

D. Discussion

Discussion of Rules for Water Ownership

Eric Duffy discussed the need to establish rules and regulations for the newly acquired water company, including how it will be run and how customers will be served.

Ray Bourgeois and Susan Ford volunteered to help draft the new rules, with a goal to have them in place before the company's closure.

Goals for water consumption/water rates

The board discussed the importance of setting goals for water consumption and rates, including whether to structure rates to encourage conservation or economic development.

The current water rate system is explained, with a connection fee and rates based on usage, and the board considers different ways to incentivize meter installation.

Laura Powell suggested that the Finance Committee, along with members of the water working group should work on setting goals for water rates and consumption.

The need for accurate water usage tracking and the potential for prorating costs for new meter installations is discussed.

Capital projects for the Woodstock Water System

The board confirmed the four projects to be bonded for including the Vondell Reservoir, 1B, the new well, and the Elm Street Bridge, and discussion of the allocation of costs.

Susan Ford suggested separating the bond for the Vondell Reservoir from other infrastructure projects to avoid confusion and ensure clear decision-making.

The board agrees to separate the bond for the Vondell Reservoir from the three infrastructure projects.

Motion: by Susan Ford to have two votes 1. For the Vondell reservoir 2. For the three infrastructure projects (1:23 PM)

Seconded: by Keri Cole

Vote: 4-0-0, passed.

December 10th Warning

Eric Duffy will prepare the necessary documentation for the bond warning, ensuring it reflects the board's decision on project separation.

Susan Ford mentioned organizing a tour of the Vondell Reservoir and arranging shuttle services to accommodate a large turnout.

Executive Session 1 V.S.A 313 - Labor relations agreements with employees

Motion: by Susan Ford go into Executive Session 1 V.S.A 313(1:25PM)

Seconded: Laura Powell

Vote: 5-0-0, passed (returned 1:43pm)

Meeting was set for Friday November 8th at 8AM to sign the warning

E. Adjournment

Motion: by Susan Ford to adjourn the meeting at (1:44PM)

Seconded: by Laura Powell

Vote: 5-0-0, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kitty Mears Koar



Laura Powell (Nov 25, 2024 08:13 EST)




Greg Fullerton (Nov 24, 2024 12:46 EST)



Susan B. Ford (Nov 24, 2024 16:45 EST)



Keri Cole (Nov 22, 2024 18:32 EST)



Raymond Bourgeois (Nov 23, 2024 12:51 EST)