

**Town of Woodstock  
Selectboard Meeting  
January 31st, 2025  
4:00PM  
Town Hall & Zoom  
Minutes**

**Draft minutes are subject to approval.**

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

**Staff:** Eric Duffy

**Call to order**

1. Chair Ray Bourgeois called the Selectboard meeting of January 31<sup>st</sup> to order at 4:00PM

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

**Emergency boiler purchase for the town garage**

**Vondell Property Name**

**C. Citizen Comments – None**

**D. Discussion**

**Emergency Boiler Purchase for the Town Garage**

Eric Duffy explained the need for a new boiler at the town garage as the current one is no longer working. Quote coming in at \$48,500.

He suggested purchasing the boiler with funds from the general fund and potentially moving it to capital reserves at the end of the fiscal year.

Eric Duffy mentioned sending an email regarding approx. \$83,000 in improvements for DPW and capital reserves, mentioning that they have been two employees short all year.

Motion: by Susan Ford to purchase the boiler as outlined with funds from the  
General Fund (4:02PM)

Seconded: by Greg Fullerton

Vote: 4-0-0, passed

**Vondell Property Name**

Susan Ford discussed a meeting with Donna Foster at Vermont Land Trust about the Vondell. She mentioned they are putting in an application on 3/15/25 with the Vermont House. Conservation Board requesting \$650,000, \$600,000 for conservation rights and \$50,000 for ongoing costs.

Susan Ford mentioned the need to update the appraisal to reflect new restricted areas.

The conservation project needs a name, with "Vondell Preserve" being a previous suggestion, a named is needed by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Eric Duffy asked for clarification on the \$603,000 and the legal name of the area.

Susan Ford confirmed the need to decide on a name by February 15.

The board discussed potential names, with "Vondell" being a popular choice.

They considered asking the public for input on the name, despite the tight deadline.

They considered using a listserv or other communication channels to gather suggestions.

They decided to finalize the name internally, with the possibility of public input in the future.

### **Water Ordinance**

Eric Duffy provided feedback from the attorney on the Water Ordinance.

The attorney suggested changes under connection fees, allowing different rates for residential and commercial properties.

Motion: by Laura Powell to approve the Water Ordinance (4:09PM)

Seconded: by Susan Ford

Vote: 4-0-0, passed

Eric Duffy thanked everyone involved in creating the new law in about a month and a half.

### **E. Executive Session 1 V.S.A 313**

Motion: by Susan Ford to go into Executive Session 1 V.S.A 313 to discuss potential contracts(4:10 PM)

Seconded: by Greg Fullerton

Vote: 4-0-0, passed (Returned 4:51PM)

### **F. Adjournment**

Motion: by Susan Ford to adjourn the meeting at (4:51PM)

Seconded: by Greg Fullerton

Vote: 4-0-0, passed

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Kitty Mears Koar