

Town & Village of Woodstock
Town Selectboard & Village Trustees Special Joint Meeting
January 26th 2026
5:30 PM
Town Hall & Zoom
Minutes

Draft minutes are subject to approval.

Present Selectboard: Chair Ray Bourgeois, Laura Powell, Keri Cole, Cliff Johnson, Vice Chair Susan Ford

Present Trustees: Chair Seton Mcilroy, Vice Chair Jeffrey Kahn, Brenda Blakeman, Lisa Lawlor

Staff: Eric Duffy

Public: Heather Wishik, Nicholas Seldon, Roger Logan

A. Call to order

1. Selectboard

- a. Chair Ray Bourgeois called the Selectboard Meeting of January 26th to order at 5:30 PM

2. Trustees

- a. Vice Chair Jeffrey Kahn called the Trustee Meeting of January 26th to order at 5:30 PM

B. Additions or Deletions from the posted Agenda-None

C. Citizen Comments – Three Minutes per participant

Heather Wishik raised three questions regarding the Municipal Manager, Mr. Duffy. She asked about the criteria being used to decide whether to renew his contract, whether the Boards had received and reviewed the complete prior fiscal year's audited financials, and if they had considered obtaining management or leadership training for Mr. Duffy.

Nicholas Seldon expressed frustration that the board was not responding to citizens' questions. He questioned why a new contract was being considered for Mr. Duffy. He also noted that Mr. Duffy had previously sought employment elsewhere.

Roger Logan urged the board to finalize the Town Manager's contract, stating that "this has gone on long enough" and that they needed to "put this to bed and move forward."

D. Proposed executive session 1 V.S.A 313

Motion: by Keri Cole go into a potential executive session 1 V.S.A. § 313 the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, provided that the public body shall make a final decision to hire or appoint a public officer or

employee in an open meeting and shall explain the reasons for its final decision during the open meeting; (5:35 PM)

Seconded: by Vice Chair Susan Ford

Vote: 5-0-0, passed

Motion: by Brenda Blakeman to go into a potential executive session 1 V.S.A. § 313 the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, provided that the public body shall make a final decision to hire or appoint a public officer or employee in an open meeting and shall explain the reasons for its final decision during the open meeting; (5:35 PM)

Seconded: by Chair Seton Mcilroy

Vote: 4-0-0, passed

Motion: by Vice Chair Susan Ford to exit executive session (6:17 PM)

Seconded: by Keri Cole

Vote: 5-0-0, passed

Motion: by Vice Chair Jeffrey Kahn to exit executive session (6:17 PM)

Seconded: by Brenda Blakeman

Vote: 4-0-0, passed

No Decision was made on the Municipal Manager contract

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: by Keri Cole to approve the minutes of 01.20.26 pending Vice Chair Susan Ford's review (6: 18 PM)

Seconded: by Cliff Johnson

Vote: 5-0-0, passed

Motion: by Vice Chair Jeffrey Kahn to approve the minutes of 01.20.26 (6:18PM)

Seconded: by Brenda Blakeman

Vote: 4-0-0, passed

F. Adjournment

Motion: by Vice Chair Susan Ford to Adjourn the Meeting (6:19PM)


Seconded: by Keri Cole


Vote: 5-0-0, passed


Motion: by Vice Chair Jeffrey Kahn to Adjourn the Meeting (6:19PM)

Seconded: by Brenda Blakeman

Vote: 4-0-0, passed


Susan B. Ford
Susan B. Ford (Feb 12, 2026 19:14:32 EST)


Raymond Bourgeois
Raymond Bourgeois (Feb 14, 2026 07:59:27 EST)


Laura Powell
Laura Powell (Feb 15, 2026 19:39:54 EST)


Cliff Johnson
Cliff Johnson (Feb 12, 2026 12:31:06 EST)

Respectfully submitted,
Kitty Mears Koar


Keri Cole
Keri Cole (Feb 17, 2026 12:31:13 EST)


Lisa Lawlor
Lisa Lawlor (Feb 12, 2026 12:22:30 EST)


E. Seton L. McIlroy
E. Seton L. McIlroy (Feb 12, 2026 14:31:40 EST)


Jeffrey Kahn
Jeffrey Kahn (Feb 12, 2026 12:28:59 EST)


Brenda Blakeman
Brenda Blakeman (Feb 13, 2026 09:41:31 AST)