

**Town & Village of Woodstock**  
**Town Selectboard & Village Trustees Special Joint Meeting**  
**March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**4:00 PM**  
**Town Hall & Zoom**  
**Minutes**

**Draft minutes are subject to approval.**

**Present Selectboard:** Ray Bourgeois, Vice Chair Laura Powell, Chair Susan Ford, Norm Frates Jr.

**Present Trustees:** Brenda Blakeman, Chair Lisa Lawlor, Stephen Stuntz, Jamie Fox

**Staff:** Eric Duffy

**Public:** Nicholas Seldon

**A. Call to order**

**1. Selectboard**

- a. Vice Chair Laura Powell called the Selectboard Meeting of March 25<sup>th</sup> to order at 4:00 PM

**2. Trustees**

- a. Chair Lisa Lawlor called the Trustee Meeting of March 25<sup>th</sup> to order at 4:00 PM

**B. Additions or Deletions from the posted Agenda - None**

**C. Citizen Comments – Three Minutes per participant**

Nicholas Seldon addressed the new board members and offered to share exhibits from ongoing lawsuits with any interested parties. He invited board members and the public to email him for access to legal exhibits and documentation.

**E. Proposed executive session 1 V.S.A 313**

Motion: by Vice Laura Powell to go into a potential executive session 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(E), (F) - I move to find that premature public knowledge of discussion of pending litigation and attorney client communication would place the Selectboard at a substantial disadvantage, including the potentially waiving attorney client privilege and disclosing of confidential information. (4:03 PM)

Seconded: by Norm Frates Jr.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed

Motion: by Ray Bourgeois to go into a potential executive session 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(E), (F) - I move to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation for attorney client communications and to invite our legal counsel, Seton Mcilroy, Eric Duffy, Chris O'Keefe, Frank Horneck, and VLCT passive representatives. (4:04PM)

Seconded: by Norm Frates Jr.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed

Motion: by Stephan Stuntz to go into a potential executive session 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(E), (F) - I move to find that premature public knowledge of discussion of pending litigation and attorney client communication would place the Village Trustees at a substantial disadvantage, including the potentially waiving attorney client privilege and disclosing of confidential information. (4:05 PM)

Seconded: by Brenda Blakeman

Vote: 4-0-0, passed

Motion: by Stephan Stuntz to go into a potential executive session 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(E), (F) - I move to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation for attorney client communications and to invite our legal counsel, Seton Mcilroy, Eric Duffy, Chris O'Keefe, Frank Horneck, and VLCT passive representatives. (4:05PM)

Seconded: by Brenda Blakeman

Vote: 4-0-0, passed

Motion: by Ray Bourgeois to exit executive session (5:06 PM)

Seconded: by Norm Frates Jr.

Vote: 4-0-0, passed

Motion: by Chair Lisa Lawlor to exit executive session (5:06 PM)

Seconded: by Brenda Blakeman

Vote: 3-0-0, passed

#### **F. Adjournment Selectboard**

Motion: by Vice Chair Laura Powell to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting (5:07 PM)

Seconded: by Norm Frates Jr.

Vote: 3-0-0, passed

#### **G. Trustees discuss pending litigation (26-CV-01677; 26-CV-00393) with legal counsel – proposed executive session 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(E), (F).**

Motion: by Stephan Stuntz to go into a potential executive session 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(E), (F) - I move to find that premature public knowledge of discussion of pending litigation and attorney client communication would place the Village Trustees at a substantial disadvantage, including the potentially waiving attorney client privilege and disclosing of confidential information. (5:08 PM)

Seconded: by Brenda Blakeman

Vote: 3-0-0, passed

Motion: by Chair Lisa Lawlor to exit executive session (5:26 PM)

Seconded: by Stephan Stuntz

Vote: 3-0-0, passed

## H. Adjournment

Motion: by Chair Lisa Lawlor to to adjourn the Meeting (5:26PM)

Seconded: by Stephan Stuntz

Vote: 5-0-0, passed

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Kitty Mears Koar*