

**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, Greg Fullerton

Staff: Eric Duffy

Call to order

1. Chair Ray Bourgeois called the Selectboard meeting of January 31st 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. The quote comes in at \$48,500 for a new boiler.

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 \$83,000 in emergency improvements for DPW in the capital reserves, mentioning that there 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: 5-0-0, 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 in February with the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. The Conservation Board requests \$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 15th.

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 with public input.

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: 5-0-0, 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: 5-0-0, passed (Returned 4:51PM)

F. Adjournment

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

Seconded: by Greg Fullerton

Vote: 5-0-0, passed

Susan B. Ford

Respectfully submitted,
Kitty Mears Koar

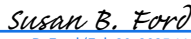
Ray Bourgeois

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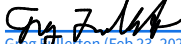
Greg Fullerton

Laura Powell

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