

**ccTown of Woodstock  
Selectboard Meeting  
February 18th, 2025  
6:00 PM  
Town Hall & Zoom  
Minutes**

**Draft minutes are subject to approval.**

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

**Staff:** Eric Duffy

**Public:** Byron Kelly, Todd Erceg, Matt Bloomer

**Call to order**

1. Chair Ray Bourgeois called the Selectboard meeting of February 18th to order at 6:00PM

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

**Deletions - Woodstock Village Conservancy Update and FY25 Sewer Rate,  
Dispatch Contract FY25-FY27**

**C. Citizen Comments**

Byron Kelly discussed the release of records and the role of contracts in employment law.

Byron Kelly asked about contracts with employees regarding public records and questioned the transparency of public records related to contracts and bids.

**D. Manager's Report**

Eric Duffy mentioned a public forum tomorrow at 9AM at Abracadabra Coffee Company on articles for the March Town Meeting.

Eric Duffy thanked the Public Works Department for their efforts during the recent storm and mentioned the ongoing snow removal in the village.

**E. Discussion**

**Water System Acquisition Update**

Eric Duffy provided an update on the Water Acquisition process, mentioning weekly meetings and the hope to close the purchase agreement by the end of March.

**Town Meeting Prep/overview**

Eric Duffy discussed the upcoming Town Meeting and the importance of public participation and informed voting.

Eric Duffy and Laura Powell mentioned the possible addition of childcare during the Town Meeting.

**F. Vote**

### **Dead River Property Buyout**

Eric Duffy explained the FEMA buyout process for the Dead River property and the potential use of the property as green space.

Ray Bourgeois and other board members discussed issues related to the Dead River property.

Todd Erceg asked if the space could be used for some kind of pop-up store

Motion: by Laura Powell to approve the application for the buyout of Dead River (6:17PM)

Seconded: by Susan Ford

Vote: 5-0-0, passed

### **Schedule On-Farm Restaurant Public Hearing**

The board scheduled a public hearing On-Farm Restaurant ordinance for March 31 at 5:30 PM.

Motion: by Susan Ford to have a public hearing on the On-Farm Restaurant on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30PM (6:18PM)

Seconded: by Laura Powell

Vote: 5-0-0, passed

### **Rescheduling March Selectboard meeting**

Two meetings are scheduled, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm a reorganization meeting the day after Town Meeting Day and reschedule of the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting for March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6PM

Motion: by Susan Ford to have a reorganization meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 2PM and a regular meeting March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6PM (6:22PM)

Seconded: by Laura Powell

Vote: 5-0-0, passed

### **Wastewater Plant Bond Documents**

Vermont State Revolving Fund signature agreement – with \$1.2 million going towards the main Wastewater Plant.

Motion: by Laura Powell that we accept and sign the application for the Vermont State Revolving Loan plan (6:23PM)

Seconded: by Susan Ford

Vote: 5-0-0, passed

Eric Duffy introduced Matt Bloomer to discuss the Wastewater Plant Bond and water system improvements.

Matt Bloomer explained the bond issuance process, the loan agreement, and the key certifications required. Matt Bloomer stated that he said we could not reduce the bond principal.

Susan Ford asked if additional funds raised could reduce the bond payment principal, and Matt Bloomers explained the bond bank's requirements.

The board discussed the potential use of grant funds for water system improvements and the timeframe for spending bond funds.

Motion: by Susan Ford to table discussion on Water Bond Documents until February 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM (6:40PM)

Seconded: by Laura Powell

Vote: 5-0-0, passed

**G. Executive Session 1 V.S.A 313**

Motion: by Susan Ford at go into Executive Session 1 V.S.A 313 to discuss potential contracts(6:40PM)

Seconded: by Laura Powell

Vote: 5-0-0, passed (Returned 7:34PM)

**H. Approval of Minutes**

Motion: by Laura Powell to approve the minutes 01.29.25, 01.31.25, 02.11.25 (7:34PM)

Seconded: by Greg Fullerton

Vote: 5-0-0, passed

**I. Adjournment**

Motion: by Laura Powell to adjourn the meeting at (7:35PM)

Seconded: by Greg Fullerton

Vote: 5-0-0, passed

*Respectfully submitted,*

Kitty Mears Koar

Laura Powell

Raymond Bourgeois

Susan B. Ford

Keri Cole

Greg Fullerton

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