

**Town of Woodstock
Special Selectboard Meeting
January 13th 2026
5:00 PM
Town Hall & Zoom
Minutes**

Draft minutes are subject to approval.

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

Staff: Eric Duffy, Abbie Sherman

Public: Nicolas Seldon, Byron Kelly, Michelle Sutherland, Lisa Lawlor, Emma Stanton

Call to order

1. Chair Ray Bourgeois called the Selectboard meeting of January 13th to order at 5:00 PM.

- A. Additions to & deletions from posted agenda -None**
- B. Citizen's Comments**

Nicholas Seldon made a comment regarding his concern that one of the board members, Ray Bourgeois was no longer a resident of Woodstock but was still serving on the Selectboard and voting on commitments. The board informed Mr. Seldon that Mr. Bourgeois still resides in the Town of Woodstock and his house has not sold.

C. Discussion

Main Wastewater Plant Allocation

The board discussed the upcoming Main Wastewater Bond vote scheduled for Town Meeting in March, with the Saturday Town Meeting occurring on February 28th and the first Tuesday of March 3rd being the official Town Meeting Day.

Eric Duffy presented key questions the board needed to decide on regarding the \$33-35 million Wastewater Renovation Project:

1. Whether non-sewer users would be charged any allocation toward the bond
2. Whether to use a new local option tax to help fund the bond (as was done with the water purchase)
3. Whether to suppress the loan for the first few years (paying only interest for up to 5 years before beginning to pay principal)

Eric Duffy noted there was approximately \$700,000 in a sewer account from sewer turnoffs collected over the history of the system that could be used toward construction. Additionally, the Town had applied for \$1 million in congressional directed spending and might apply for additional grants after the bond vote.

Eric Duffy presented a spreadsheet showing various allocation scenarios:

- If sewer users paid 100% of the cost: approximately \$1,700 per sewer parcel
- If all parcels in Town shared the cost: approximately \$841 per parcel

The board decided to include this item on next week's agenda for a vote, giving members time to consider the options and speak with constituents.

D. Other Business -None

E. Adjournment

Motion: by Vice Chair Susan Ford to adjourn the meeting (5:51 PM)

Seconded: by Laura Powell

Vote: 5-0-0, passed

Respectfully submitted,

Kitty Mears Koar

Susan B. Ford

Raymond Bourgeois

Keri Cole

Cliff Johnson

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