

**Village of Woodstock
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 17th, 2026
6:30 PM
Town Hall & Zoom
Minutes**

Draft minutes are subject to approval.

Present: Vice Chair Jeffrey Kahn, Chair Lisa Lawlor, Brenda Blakeman, Jamie Fox, Stephen Stuntz

Staff: Eric Duffy, Kitty Mears Koar

Public: Wendy Marrinan, Eliza Tarlow, Wendy Marrinan, Ann Marie Boyd

A. Call to order

1. Vice Chair Jeffrey Kahn called March 17th, 2026, Village Trustees meeting to order at 8:25 PM.

B. Additions and Deletions- None

C. Citizens' Comments

Wendy Marrinan inquired about the status of short-term rentals, specifically asking where the Board stands with the ordinance that was voted on and the data that was expected to be provided. Eric Duffy responded that the vote is finished and the short-term rental ordinance is now in effect for the Village. He explained that they are still working with the new permit company to get them operational, so no new data is currently available. He noted that they pushed the company last week to get started and that he would check with Emily Collins for an update and provide information the following day.

Kitty Mears Koar provided an update on the Village Historical Preservation Commission appointments. She reported that after speaking with the Historical Preservation members, Wendy Marrinan had expressed interest in being reappointed, as had Isabelle Bradley. However, Philip Neuberg, the third member, declined reappointment.

D. Votes

Restructuring of Board

Motion: by Vice Chair Jeffrey Kahn to appoint Lisa Lawlor as Chair of the Village Trustees (8:28PM)

Seconded: Stephen Stuntz

Vote: 4-0-1 passed

Motion: Chair Lisa Lawlor to appoint Jeffrey Kahn as Vice Chair of the Village Trustees (8:28PM)

Seconded: Stephen Stuntz

Vote: 4-0-1 passed

E. Newspapers of Record

Chair Lisa Lawlor opened discussion about designating newspapers of record, noting that the previous year Vermont Standard was first and Valley News was second. The Trustees agreed to maintain the same arrangement.

Motion: Chair Lisa Lawlor to continue with Vermont Standard as first newspaper of record and Valley News as second newspaper of record (8:29PM)

Seconded: Vice Chair Jeffrey Kahn

Vote: 5-0-0 passed

G. Municipal appointments

Village Development Review Board (2)

Eric Duffy confirmed that both Keri Cole and Mary Anne Flynn, whose terms were expiring, had expressed interest in continuing to serve on the Village Development Review Board.

Motion: Chair Lisa Lawlor to reappoint Keri Cole and Mary Anne Flynn to another 3-year term on the Village Development Review Board. (8:30PM)

Seconded: Vice Chair Jeffrey Kahn

Vote: 5-0-0 passed

Village Historic Preservation Commission (3)

Based on the earlier citizen comment from Kitty, the board proceeded with appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission. All three positions were up for reappointment.

Motion: Chair Lisa Lawlor to appoint Wendy Marrinan to the Village Historic Preservation Commission for a term ending in 2029 (8:30PM)

Seconded: Vice Chair Jeffrey Kahn

Vote: 5-0-0 passed

Motion: Chair Lisa Lawlor to appoint Isabelle Bradley to the Village Historic Preservation Commission with a term ending in 2027. (8:30PM)

Seconded: Vice Chair Jeffrey Kahn

Vote: 5-0-0 passed

Eric Duffy noted that the third position remains open since Philip Neuberg declined reappointment. The Board agreed to advertise the position to see who might be interested in applying.

H. Discussions

Food Trucks /Peddler's License Ordinance Update

Chair Lisa Lawlor provided context for the discussion, explaining that the Board had recently updated Parking Ordinances with tight federal and state regulations, but that food trucks and peddler licenses are largely left to municipal discretion with minimal state regulation. She noted that the peddler ordinance hadn't been updated in many years and predated the existence of food trucks. Chair Lisa Lawlor emphasized the importance of gathering public input before making any decisions.

Vice Chair Jeffrey Khan expressed support for continuing food trucks, noting that the

Village had experimented with "food truck Thursday through Monday" on the Village Green the previous year, which he described as very successful and well-needed during busy times. He emphasized the importance of continuing this for the upcoming busy season while also wanting public input.

Public Comments:

Eliza Tarlow presented strong opposition to food trucks, citing three main concerns: First, she argued that the massive food trucks block views of the Village Green. Second, she contended that food trucks take business away from local brick-and-mortar establishments that operate year-round. Third, she reported that the food truck negatively affected local nonprofits, particularly the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization), which fundraises on the Green.

Ann Marie Boyd offered strong support for the food truck, arguing it served a genuine need by providing food options on Mondays when no other establishments were open. She emphasized that the food truck served items not available elsewhere in Town - hamburgers, lobster rolls, hot dogs, and French fries - and specifically did not compete with ice cream sales or serve desserts that might conflict with nonprofit fundraising efforts. Mrs. Boyd stressed that the operator is actually a local business owner from the Snack Bar who has been contributing to the community for years. She noted practical benefits for village residents who could walk to get food without driving elsewhere during busy periods and emphasized the collaboration with nonprofits on the Green rather than competition.

Wendy Marrinan expressed opposition to food trucks, agreeing with Eliza Tarlow's concerns about sending a confusing message to existing brick-and-mortar businesses.

Ann Marie Boyd provided additional perspective based on her direct experience working on the food truck during busy weekends. She described long lines of out-of-town visitors who expressed gratitude for the food truck's presence, explaining they couldn't find restaurants with availability, weren't getting phone responses for reservations, and were frustrated by the lack of dining options. She emphasized that the food truck filled a specific niche for tourists who needed accessible food options, noting that the operation was responsible (taking trash, paying for parking meters and electric bills) and that the majority of food served wasn't available elsewhere in the village.

Chair Lisa Lawlor acknowledged this would be a "lively discussion" and indicated the topic would continue at the next meeting in April. Eric Duffy noted the importance of deciding soon since the food truck operator would likely need advance notice about returning for the season. Chair Lisa Lawlor confirmed that both discussion and possible action on food truck licensing, as well as broader updates to the peddler's license ordinance, would be included on the next meeting's agenda.

I. Adjournment

Motion: by Vice Chair Jeffrey Kahn to adjourn the meeting at (8:46PM)

Seconded: Stephen Stuntz

Vote: 5-0-0 passed

*Respectfully submitted,
Kitty Mears Koar*