

# Woodstock Board of Selectmen Minutes

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Thursday, September 16, 2021

7:00 pm

Woodstock Town Hall Upstairs Conference Room and Virtual via ZOOM

Regular Meeting

**1. Call to order:** First Selectman Jay Swan called meeting to order at 7:00 pm

- a. **Present:** First Selectman Jay Swan, Selectman Chandler Paquette, Selectman Greg Kline
- b. **Others Present:** Finance Director Karen Fitzpatrick, HR Manager Crystal Adams, Board of Finance Chair Michael Dougherty, Board of Finance Member David Fortin, Recording Secretary Amy Monahan
- c. **ZOOM attendees:** Diane Miller, Wendy Costa and (2) other members of the public

**2. Approval of Minutes of September 2, 2021 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting and the September 13, 2021 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting**

- a. Chandler Paquette made a **Motion** to approve the Minutes from of September 2, 2021 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting and the September 13, 2021 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

**3. Warn of Special Meeting**

Please note the Special Town Meeting to be held on October 12, 2021, at 7:00pm at the Woodstock Middle School is a hybrid meeting, meaning it will be held via Zoom and in-person. Those eligible to vote will have the option of which to attend. Those who attend in person must follow any mask and social distancing rules that are in place. In order to attend via Zoom, electors and all others eligible to vote in town meetings in the Town of Woodstock must register with their legal name that appears on the Grand List or their voter registration card through the link below. PLEASE READ ALL OF THE ZOOM DIRECTIONS.

Register in advance for this meeting as soon as possible:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZwtd-Gspz4iGdZ6Kg5Fwu5rI7A\\_7H9Q-Q1U](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZwtd-Gspz4iGdZ6Kg5Fwu5rI7A_7H9Q-Q1U)

**Note: The link above is the registration link only, not the meeting link. After you register you will receive a unique meeting link. This link will only work for that individual person. YOU MUST BE REGISTERED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A MEETING LINK. REGISTRATION PRIOR TO 6 PM ON OCTOBER 12, 2021, IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.**

Voting will take place on Zoom via poll. Because of this, only those who are qualified to vote at a town meeting will be admitted into the Zoom meeting. This would mean the attendee would be a registered voter in the Town of Woodstock, OR a property owner in the town of Woodstock whose name is on the last completed Grand List with an assessment of not less than \$1,000. If more than one resident in a household is qualified to vote, they must be logged into the Zoom meeting with separate devices. Only one poll vote is allowed per device. Devices must have video and audio for voter verification. These hybrid meetings are new to all of us, but we believe it is a positive move to get as much participation as possible in town government. Please be patient as we are all learning how to do this together.

A Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut, will be held at the Woodstock Middle School Gymnasium, 147B Route 169 in the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut on October 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss and vote on the following:

- 1. To choose a moderator
- 2. To discuss and vote upon an amendment to the Ordinance Creating the Woodstock Agricultural Land Preservation and Land Acquisition Fund adopted May 3, 1999. A copy of the proposed Amendment IV to the Ordinance is on file in the Town Clerk's office.
- 3. To discuss and vote upon rescinding the Ordinance Concerning the Appointment of the Assessor, effective October 6, 1958, as the State Statute it is based on is no longer valid.

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4. To discuss and vote upon amending the Ordinance Regarding Tax Abatements for Dairy Farms & Fruit Orchards, adopted June 29, 1992. A copy of the proposed Amendment II to the Ordinance is on file in the Town Clerk's office.
5. To transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.
6. Adjourn

Dated at Woodstock, CT, this 16th day of September 2021.

## BOARD OF SELECTMAN

/s/ John V. Swan

John V. Swan, First Selectman

/s/ Chandler Paquette

Chandler Paquette, Selectman

/s/ Greg Kline

Greg Kline, Selectman

ATTEST: /s/ Judy E. Walberg,

Judy E. Walberg, Town Clerk

Copies of the full text of the proposed ordinances and amendments are available in the Town Clerk's Office.

## 4. American Rescue Plan Update

- a. The regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen Meeting on the third Thursdays of each month will be held at 7:00 pm via Zoom going forward and will include updates and information pertaining to the American Rescue Plan Act
- b. Finance Director Karen Fitzpatrick reviewed the American Rescue Plan Act overview sheet for the Town of Woodstock. This sheet can be found on the Town of Woodstock Website
  - i. <https://www.woodstockct.gov/home/news/information-american-rescue-plan-act>

## 5. Tax Rebates

- a. None

## 6. Correspondence and Announcements

- a. The Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs is holding a Veterans Stand Down event at QVCC on Friday, September, 24, 2021 from 8am to 2pm.
- b. There will be A free Flu Clinic at the Woodstock Town Hall on Thursday, October 7, 2021 from 10am to Noon .
- c. TEEG will have a Mobile Market event at the Woodstock Town Hall on September 23, 2021 from 1pm to 2pm.
- d. First Selectman Jay Swan announced that 2 Speed Display Signs have been acquired for the Town of Woodstock and locations for the signs are currently being decided.
  - i. The State Police Troop D has increased patrols and changed patrol areas in response to recent safety concerns
  - ii. The Safety Patrol previously provided bus cams for Woodstock busses. There have been many cases of drivers running the bus red lights/stop signs. Videos of these violators have been turned over to Troop D and citations have been issued to the offenders.
- e. The Town of Woodstock has been determined to be Level Red in terms of COVID-19 cases as of September 16, 2021.

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- f. The AFSCME union contract was signed on September 13, 2021 and will be valid for 3 years
- g. First Selectman Jay Swan shared the monthly numbers of visitors to the town website and Facebook page. Last month, the website had 7400 visits, Facebook posts were viewed 12,000 times and the Town of Woodstock currently has over 800 Facebook followers

### 7. Public Comments

- a. Barry thanked the Board of Selectmen for holding these meetings via ZOOM at a time where working residents can attend for the important information pertaining to ARPA
- b. Diane Miller thanked Jay Swan for the speed display signs for the town

### 8. Other from Committee

- a. Selectman Greg Kline started a discussion about the current condition of the Arboretum. There is work that needs to be done to maintain the grounds which the Highway Department and First Selectman Jay Swan are aware of.

### 9. Adjournment

- a. Chandler Paquette made a **Motion** to adjourn. **Seconded** by Greg Kline. **The motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Monahan, Recording Secretary. DISCLAIMER: These minutes have not yet been approved by the Board of Selectmen. Please refer to next month's meeting for approval/amendments.

This meeting can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/gS5nsw-fQnw>