

**Town of Woodstock
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 15, 2021 – 4:00PM**

In accordance with Governor Lamont's Executive Order and social distancing guidelines recommended by the CDC, members of the Board of Selectmen participated in the meeting via ZOOM online.

MINUTES

PRESENT: John Swan, Gregory Kline (4:14pm), and Chandler Paquette.

OTHERS PRESENT: Diane Miller, Emilie Hebert, Amy Monahan, Megan Bard Morse, Sue Swan, James Kaeding, Dawn Adiletta and WINY

1. Call to Order: First Selectmen Jay Swan called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

2. Approve the Minutes of the April 1, 2021 Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting and April 8, 2021 Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Selectman Chandler Paquette made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2021 Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting and the April 8, 2021 Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting. **In Favor:** Jay Swan and Chandler Paquette. **Opposed:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed unanimously** (Mr. Kline not present at the time of the vote).

3. Consider the Appointment of James Kaeding as an Alternate Member of the Conservation Commission for the Term of April 15, 2021 through March 31, 2022: Mr. Paquette made a motion to approve the appointment of James Kaeding as an Alternate Member of the Conservation Commission for the term of April 15, 2021 through March 31, 2022. **In Favor:** Jay Swan and Chandler Paquette. **Opposed:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed.** (Mr. Kline not present at the time of the vote).

4. Warn Annual Town Meeting: Mr. Paquette made a motion to warn the Annual Town Meeting as read by Mr. Swan:

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
May 4, 2021**

Please note the Annual Town Meeting 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 wear a mask and social distancing rules will be followed. 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 Tax 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/tZwkce6vpjsuEt3x4Hqo37YwkbD9DyYK0vvN>

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 MAY 4, 2021 IS REQUIRED 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 tax rolls with property assessed at more 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.

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut, will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM in person at the Woodstock Middle School, -147B Route 169 in Woodstock and via Zoom. The Annual Town Meeting will be held to consider the following actions and to vote on the following resolutions:

- 1) To elect a Moderator;
- 2) To approve the proposed budget of the Town of Woodstock for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$25,235,696.00 as has been recommended by the Board of Finance and to appropriate said sum to meet the recommended expenditures;
- 3) To adopt a Capital Improvement Plan for a five-year period ending 2025-2026 as has been recommended by the Board of Finance; RESOLVED, that the Town of Woodstock's local capital improvement projects of \$13,008,281.00 and capital improvement plan as defined in Section 7-535 through 7-538, a copy of which plan is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and available for public inspection during normal business hours; is hereby ratified and approved;
- 4) To authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for the State and Federal Grants;
- 5) To transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting; and
- 6) To adjourn.

Please Note: Pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Woodstock Board of Selectmen have on their own initiative removed the foregoing Item #2 for submission to the voters of the Town of Woodstock by referendum to be held on May 11, 2021 from 12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM at the Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169, Woodstock. Voters approving the questions will vote "Yes" and those opposing the questions will vote "No." Absentee ballots will be available at the Office of the Town Clerk.

Dated at Woodstock, Connecticut, this 15th day of April 2021.

Woodstock Board of Selectmen

/s/ John V. Swan Jr.
John V. Swan Jr., First Selectman

/s/ Chandler Paquette
Chandler Paquette, Selectman

/s/ Greg Kline
Greg Kline, Selectman

Attest: /s/ Christine G. French
Christine G. French, Assistant Town Clerk

In Favor: Jay Swan and Chandler Paquette. **Opposed:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed unanimously.** (Mr. Kline not present at time of the vote).

6. Correspondence and Announcements: A letter of resignation has been received from Barry Shead from his position as a member of the Board of Finance.

A seminar was held yesterday at the Town Hall to address how to handle possible hoarding situations in Town, that was very informative. In attendance were key people from EMS, Fire Departments, Emergency Management, Fire Marshall, Board of Selectmen, Health Department, TEEG and others.

7. Public Comments: Megan Bard Morse asked when the Board of Selectmen planned to resume the 7:00pm Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Swan stated that the Board hoped to do so soon. Mr. Paquette noted this was initially done due to a conflict with P&Z meetings at the same time and both becoming ZOOM meetings.

8. Other from Committee: Selectman Greg Kline apologized for joining the meeting late. He was experiencing technical difficulties.

Mr. Kline wished to make a correction to the April 8th Special Meeting minutes. Under Citizen's Comments, in the second sentence it should read that the Board of **Selectmen** and the Finance Director thanked Mr. Dougherty for his words of support, not the Board of **Finance** and the Finance Director thanked Mr. Dougherty for his words of support.

Mr. Paquette stated that he found the seminar on hoarding very interesting and informative. He hoped that if a team could be established the team could work with people in a hoarding situation before it became overwhelming.

Mr. Kline stated that the Woodstock Volunteer Fire Department was starting an outreach program to provide free smoke detectors and installation to the residents of the Town. He thought that if a person installing the smoke detector noticed a hoarding situation it could be reported to the Town so that the team could step in to help.

Mr. Swan invited Amy Monahan to speak about upcoming events at the Senexet Grange. Ms. Monahan stated that the Grange has hosted knitting and quilting get-togethers, and a composting workshop is coming up. Ms. Monahan hopes to partner with the Woodstock Agricultural Commission to host an event celebrating local farm produce. She would like to create a map highlighting the local farm stands and she would like to update the Woodstock Grown brochure. Her goal is to make the people of the Town aware of the Senexet Grange.

9. Adjournment: Mr. Paquette made a motion to adjourn at 4:29pm. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Christine G. French
Recording Secretary

To watch a video of this meeting please click on the following link: <https://youtu.be/FK7LrrDiga0>