

Woodstock CT

Monthly Communication Update

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

RESULTS FROM FEB 27TH

Residents cast their votes at the Special Town meeting resulting in the following outcomes:

Senior Tax Freeze - PASS

Building Office Fees - PASS

Fire Marshal Fees - PASS

**Ordinance Concerning Appropriations -
PASS**

Ordinance Creating EDC - PASS

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The Senior Tax Freeze will allow qualifying Woodstock Seniors to stop increases on future tax rates for their primary residence. Qualifications are those mandated by the State Circuit Breaker Program and information can be found online or with the Agent for the Elderly.

Effective July 1, 2024: Fees for the Building Office and Fire Fire Marshal will increase. The changes can be found in the updated Special Acts & Town Ordinances of the Town of Woodstock document.

As clarified at the Town Meeting, funding requests are still required to go before the citizens at Town Meeting for approval. The increase approved was for the appropriation amount requiring a referendum.

24- 25 FY BUDGET OPEN FORUM

The Town of Woodstock will hold an open forum for citizens to learn about the 24-25 FY Budget in the month of March. Please be on the look out for the date of that informational budget meeting which is TBD at this time.

Resolve to Get Involved

March Meetings

Monday, 4th-
Inland Wetland Watercourse Agency
at 7 pm

Tuesday, 5th-
Board of Assessment Appeals at 6 pm
Economic Development at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 6th
Board of Assessment Appeals at 6 pm

Thursday, 7th-
Board of Selectmen at 4 pm
Board of Assessment Appeals at 6 pm
Open Space at 7 pm
Planning & Zoning at 7:30 pm

Monday, 11th-
Recreation at 7 pm

Tuesday, 12th-
Committee on Aging at 5 pm
Board of Finance at 7 pm

Wednesday, 13th-
Crystal Pond Park at 6 pm

Monday, 18th-
Agriculture Commission at 1 pm
Zoning Board of Appeals at 6 pm

Tuesday, 19th
Board of Finance at 7 pm

Wednesday, 20th
Quasset School Committee at 4 pm

Thursday, 21st-
Board of Selectmen at 6 pm
Planning & Zoning at 7:30 pm

Monday, 25th
Conservation Commission at 7 pm

Tuesday, 26th-
Committee on Aging at 5 pm
Water Pollution Control Authority 7 pm

*Check website calendar for any cancellations

March Recreation Events!



COMMISSIONS

Conservation Commission - The Conservation Commission did not meet in February but will have a Special Meeting on March 4th at 7 pm in Room C of the Town Hall.

Economic Development Commission - The EDC continues to create the Town Business Listing for the Town Website. Please encourage any Woodstock Business to submit their information via the webform. There will be a Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Woodstock Valley Country Store on Thursday, March 7th at 2 pm.

Recreation Commission - March Events include the Annual Egg Hunt at Roseland Cottage and Town Wide Clean Up Kick Off Day. Consider getting a group together to participate for prizes (including scratch tickets!) for most trash collected in April. Sign up for the monthly Recreation Newsletter at <https://www.woodstockct.gov/recreation-department>

COMMITTEES

Arboretum Committee

Beautification Committee

The Arboretum and Beautification Committees are looking for new members! Applications available online or in the First Selectmen's office.

Spring is the perfect time to join!

Committee on Aging - The February 27th meeting included a Presentation by Therese Horvath from TEEG regarding senior services. The Senior Resource brochure is almost complete and ready for distribution. The Committee plans to hold 3 events in the upcoming year for Woodstock Seniors.

Open Space Land Acquisition & Preservation Committee

Quasset School Advisory Committee - currently working on Walktober planning, the School visit scheduled for May and installation of protective barriers.

POLITICAL CORNER

Woodstock Democratic Town Committee - The WDTC will hold the annual Souper Supper on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at the East Woodstock Congregational Church from 5-7 pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 6th at 7 pm. Meeting will take place at Room B at the Town Hall.

Woodstock Republican Town Committee

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 20th at 7 pm. Meeting will take place in Room A at the Town Hall.

Land Use Department

Planning & Zoning Commission - The P & Z continue to work on creating regulations for Short Term Rentals. Multiple public hearings were held in February. The March 7th meeting will be the Annual Legal Training Session with the Town Attorney.

Inland Wetlands & Watercourse Agency - Current topics being addressed are erosion concerns of dirt roads, possible updates to the POCD and the need for additional members to serve on IWWA.

Zoning Board of Appeals- Stuart Peaslee has been elected as the new Chair of the ZBA and Martin Nieski has resigned from the ZBA.



Dan Malo will be the new Town of Woodstock full time Zoning Enforcement Officer/Wetlands Agent effective March 4, 2024.



AUTHORITY GROUPS

Housing Authority - Next meeting scheduled for April 24th

Water Pollution Control Authority - The February Meeting was Cancelled. Final report of the ARPA-funded/DPC project still pending.

COMMISSIONS (Cont'd)

Historic District Commission & Historic Properties Commission

The Historic District and Properties Commissions are looking for new members! Applications available online or in the First Selectmen's office. Please share this opportunity with anyone who you think would like to join.

Agricultural Commission is working on a future community event and might partner with surrounding towns to promote local Ag. CT Ag Day will take place on March 20th at the Capitol.

Crystal Pond Park Commission

Green Energy Commission- The Green Energy Commission has been inactive a long time. There have been many advances in Energy in that time and a new group to tackle the topic could have great impact on the Town of Woodstock.

Special Town Meeting Info

There was a full house in the WMS Cafeteria for the February 27th Town Meeting with over 150 Woodstock residents. Thank you to all who attended!

All items passed with little opposition and some good questions were asked and answered. The meeting was completed in under an hour with Dawn Adiletta elected as moderator.

BOARD & DEPARTMENT SUMMARIES

Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen discussed submitted budget requests at meetings on February 21st and 28th to create budget for presentation to the Board of Finance in March.

Board of Finance

The Board of Finance will meet twice this month for presentations of the General Government Budget and the the Board of Education Budget.

Board of Education

The Board of Education will be presenting the 2024-2025 budget to the Board of Finance on March 6th. The 24-25 Board of Education Budget Public Hearing will be held on April 9th.

Registrar

The office of the Registrar has moved. It is now located in the room closest to the lower level door on the left (previously room C).

WOODSTOCK RECREATION **THE last green valley**

TEAM-UP TO CLEAN-UP WOODSTOCK 2024

TRASH PICK-UP CONTEST

During the month of April 2024, build a team and pick up trash along a stretch of road in Woodstock. Teams can be school classes, clubs, sports teams or just a group of friends! The team that picks up the most trash will win an awesome prize! (Trash bags, gloves, safety vests & trash grabbers provided.)

KICK-OFF EVENT
Sunday, March 24: 11am-3pm
Woodstock Town Hall - 415 Route 169 (rear entrance))

Download Information/Registration form:
https://www.woodstockct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhl1f5481/ff/uploads/2024_clean_up_registration_form.pdf

Contact Recreation Director Erin Lucas for more information and to sign up!
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Information about upcoming Town Meetings or any Town Meetings can be found on the Town Website or sign up for email updates at <https://www.woodstockct.gov/subscribe>

Remember that your vote matters in local government!