

**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK  
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**Meeting Minutes**

**February 17, 2026**

**Town Offices, 45 Comeau Drive, Woodstock, NY 12498 and via Zoom**

**Presiding:** Supervisor Courtis

**Council Members Present:**

- Council member Laura Ricci
- Council member Laurie Osmond
- Council member Reginald Earls

**Members of the press present:** Nick Henderson and Bill Kemble

**Call to Order at 7:00pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Resolutions:**

- Approval of Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Clerk's Report
- Authorize Payment of Vouchers
- Resolution Amending Planning Board Member Term
- Resolution Appointing New Planning Board Member
- Resolution Hiring Labor Counsel
- Resolution Accepting Resignation of Part Time Officer
- Resolution Circulating for Lead Agency for Lasher Zoning Changes
- Resolution Modifying Title of Climate Smart Communities Position
- Resolution Appointing a Juvenile/Youth Officer
- Resolution Adjourning Public Hearing – Zoning Law Map Amendments (Chapter 260)
- Resolution Appointing Liaison to Cemetery Committee

**RESOLUTION 74-2026**

**First:** Supervisor Courtis

**Second:** Councilmember Ricci

**BE IT RESOLVED**, to accept minutes for meetings held on January 3, 2026, January 20, 2026, and January 22, 2026.

All voted 4-0:

- Supervisor Courtis –aye
- Councilmember Ricci –aye
- Councilmember Osmond –aye
- Councilmember Earls - aye

**RESOLUTION 75-2026**

**First:** Supervisor Courtis

**Second:** Councilmember Earls

**BE IT RESOLVED**, to accept the Town Clerk's report.

All voted 4-0:

- Supervisor Courtis –aye
- Councilmember Ricci –aye
- Councilmember Osmond –aye
- Councilmember Earls - aye

**RESOLUTION 76-2026**

**First:** Supervisor Courtis

**Second:** Councilmember Osmond

**BE IT RESOLVED**, to authorize payment of vouchers in the amount of **\$3,202,052.74**

All voted 4-0:

- Supervisor Curtis –aye
- Councilmember Ricci –aye
- Councilmember Osmond –aye
- Councilmember Earls - aye

**RESOLUTION 60-2026 AMENDED**

**First:** Supervisor Curtis

**Second:** Councilmember Ricci

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby amends the term of Jennifer Drue as a member of the Planning Board, revising the previously established end date from December 31, 2033 to December 31, 2032, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this amendment is made to align the member’s term with statutory requirements and established board term schedules.

All voted 4-0:

- Supervisor Curtis –aye
- Councilmember Ricci –aye
- Councilmember Osmond –aye
- Councilmember Earls - aye

**RESOLUTION 77-2026**

**First:** Supervisor Curtis

**Second:** Councilmember Osmond

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board appoint Joseph Vescio as a member of the Planning Board effective immediately, with a term ending 12/31/2029.

All voted 4-0:

- Supervisor Curtis –aye
- Councilmember Ricci –aye
- Councilmember Osmond –aye
- Councilmember Earls – aye

**RESOLUTION 78-2026**

**First:** Supervisor Curtis

**Second:** Councilmember Ricci

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Youngwirth Law, PLLC be appointed Labor Attorney for the Town of Woodstock for the calendar year 2026, and the Supervisor is authorized to execute a professional services agreement to be kept on file with the Town Clerk.

All voted 4-0:

- Supervisor Curtis –aye
- Councilmember Ricci –aye
- Councilmember Osmond –aye
- Councilmember Earls - aye

**RESOLUTION 79-2026**

**First:** Supervisor Curtis

**Second:** Councilmember Osmond

**BE IT RESOLVED**, to accept the resignation of part-time police officer Cheryl Benjamin effective February 11, 2026 and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** to thank Officer Benjamin for her service to Woodstock.

All voted 4-0:

- Supervisor Curtis –aye
- Councilmember Ricci –aye
- Councilmember Osmond –aye
- Councilmember Earls - aye

**RESOLUTION 80-2026**

**First:** Supervisor Courtis

**Second:** Councilmember Osmond

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Woodstock has received a zoning amendment request for 5 Library Lane and 100 Tinker Street (the “Site”) from applicant Homesick Blues LLC (the “Request”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board supports the beneficial reuse of buildings and in particular desires to facilitate revitalization of the central Woodstock hamlet by attracting business and multifamily housing, including affordable and workforce housing, to the hamlet; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) requires an environmental impact review before the Town may take action to approve the Request; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has received the Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) Part I from the applicant; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Request would be to permit the redevelopment of the Site pursuant to the Applicant’s plans, which will require site plan approval from the Town Planning Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Planning Board’s site plan review jurisdiction makes it an involved agency for the SEQRA review of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires the project to undergo coordinated SEQRA review pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.6 to better ensure review and mitigation of any impact and compliance with applicable codes including without limitation the standards for development within the Hamlet Preservation Overlay (HP-O) District in section 260-37 of the Town Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board recognizes the experience of the Town Planning Board in conducting SEQRA reviews of land development proposals, but wishes to begin the SEQRA review of the project as soon as possible;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board accepts the FEAF Part 1 to commence the SEQRA review of the Request; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board determines that the Request is an

Unlisted Action under SEQRA, and that the Town Board declares its intent to be the Lead

Agency for the SEQRA review of this project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is directed to circulate a Notice of Intent to Be Lead Agency under SEQRA and a copy of the EAF, and supporting documents to the Town of Woodstock Planning Board as an involved agency and interested agencies, including but not limited to the Ulster County Department of Public Works, and Ulster County Planning Board; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board declares its intent to cooperate with the Town Planning Board on the designation of lead agency for the project, so as to facilitate efficient SEQRA review of the project.

All voted 4-0:

- Supervisor Courtis –aye
- Councilmember Ricci –aye
- Councilmember Osmond –aye
- Councilmember Earls - aye

**RESOLUTION 72-2026 AMENDED**

**First:** Supervisor Courtis

**Second:** Councilmember Ricci

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Woodstock previously appointed Linda Setchell as the Town’s Climate Smart Communities Chair; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board wishes to update the title of this position to more accurately reflect its duties;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the title Climate Smart Communities Chair is hereby amended to Climate Smart Communities Coordinator; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all responsibilities, authorities, and duties previously assigned to the Climate Smart Communities Chair shall now apply to the Climate Smart Communities Coordinator.

All voted 4-0:

- Supervisor Curtis –aye
- Councilmember Ricci –aye
- Councilmember Osmond –aye
- Councilmember Earls - aye

**RESOLUTION 81-2026**

**First:** Supervisor Curtis

**Second:** Councilmember Osmond \_

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby appoints Officer Caitlin Hoban as the Police Department Juvenile/Youth Officer; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the duties and responsibilities outlined in the attached document shall be followed and adhered to.

All voted 4-0:

- Supervisor Curtis –aye
- Councilmember Ricci –aye
- Councilmember Osmond –aye
- Councilmember Earls - aye

**RESOLUTION 82-2026**

**First:** Supervisor Curtis

**Second:** Councilmember Osmond

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Woodstock Town Board adjourns the public hearing on proposed amendments to the Town of Woodstock Zoning Law Map, Chapter 260, until further notice.

All voted 4-0:

- Supervisor Curtis –aye
- Councilmember Ricci –aye
- Councilmember Osmond –aye
- Councilmember Earls – aye

**RESOLUTION 83-2026**

**First:** Supervisor Curtis

**Second:** Councilmember Ricci

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Reggie Earls is appointed liaison to the Cemetery Committee.

All voted 4-0:

- Supervisor Curtis –aye
- Councilmember Ricci –aye
- Councilmember Osmond –aye
- Councilmember Earls – aye

**Public Be Heard:**

- **Patrick Acker** - Supporting Officer Hoban as the new Juvenile/Youth Officer
- **Gloria Tanchelev**- Incentives for art businesses, artists communal housing and ADU incentives for housing artists
- **Rebekah Brooks**- Open meetings law applied for committees, scheduling
- **Urana Kinlen** - Social media and one local page for outreach, adding module for Building Department to track STRs.
- **Rachel Marco Havens**- questions regarding lead agency for the Zoning, co-leadership at the Youth center for female youth, open discussion at the TB meetings
- **Fanny Prizant** - recording of meetings in an alternative way and utilizing the community center and the equipment there.

**Adjournment:**

At 7:33 PM, Supervisor Curtis moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Ricci. All voted aye.

**Respectfully submitted,**

---

**Meghann Reimondo, Deputy Town Clerk**

Town Board Meeting 02/17/2026