TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2026
Town Offices, 45 Comeau Drive, Woodstock, NY 12498 and via Zoom

PRESENT:
Supervisor Anula Courtis
Councilmember Laurie Osmond
Councilmember Lily Korolkoff
Councilmember Reginald Earls

CALL TO ORDER
Supervisor Courtis called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Motion to enter into executive session at 6:34

First: Supervisor Courtis

Second: Councilmember Osmond at 6:35 pm.

Executive session to discuss potential hiring of police officers.

First: Supervisor Courtis

Second: Councilmember Korolkoff

Motion to exit executive session at 7: 23 pm

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PRESENT:

Nick Henderson and Noah Eckstein (via Zoom)

Entered back into public meeting at 7:26pm.

RESOLUTIONS

• Resolution Approving Meeting Minutes
• Resolution Accepting Clerk's Report
• Resolution Authorizing Payment of Vouchers
• Resolution Setting a Public Hearing on a Local Law Creating Article III of Chapter 14 of the Town of Woodstock Code to Minimize and Prevent Dangerous Interactions Between Humans and Bears
• Resolution Hiring a Part-Time Police Officer (Aiden North)
• Resolution Hiring a Police Officer (Luis Martinez-Perez)
• Resolution Authorizing Submission of Correspondence Regarding Proposed Inclusion of Tax Parcels into a NYS Certified Agricultural District and Authorizing Representation Before Ulster County
• Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of a Seasonal Laborer (Colvin VanDeBogart)
• Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of a Seasonal Laborer (Brodie Dittus)
• Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Human Rights Complaint
• Resolution Recertifying Participation in the NYS Pro-Housing Communities Program

RESOLUTION 143-2026
APPROVING MEETING MINUTES

First: Supervisor Courtis
Second: Councilmember Earls

BE IT RESOLVED, to accept minutes for meetings held on May 5,2026 and May 19, 2026.

Vote:

● Supervisor Courtis —aye
● Councilmember Korolkoff — aye
● Councilmember Earls — aye
● Councilmember Osmond — aye

Resolution adopted 4 –0

RESOLUTION 144-2026

ACCEPTING CLERK'S REPORT

First: Supervisor Courtis
Second: Councilmember Osmond

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

Vote:

- Supervisor Courtis —aye
- Councilmember Korolkoff — aye
- Councilmember Earls — aye
- Councilmember Osmond — aye

Resolution adopted 4 –0

RESOLUTION 145-2026

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

First: Supervisor Courtis
Second: Councilmember Osmond

BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize payment of vouchers in the amount of **$408,649.64**.

Vote:

- Supervisor Courtis —aye
- Councilmember Korolkoff — aye
- Councilmember Earls — aye
- Councilmember Osmond — aye

Resolution adopted 4 –0

RESOLUTION 146-2026

SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A LOCAL LAW CREATING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK CODE TO MINIMIZE AND PREVENT DANGEROUS INTERACTIONS BETWEEN HUMANS AND BEARS

First: Supervisor Courtis
Second: Councilmember Earls

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Woodstock (the "Town Board") has proposed Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2026, entitled "A Local Law Creating Article III of Chapter 14 of the Town of Woodstock Code to Minimize and Prevent Dangerous Interactions Between Humans and Bears" (the "Proposed Local Law"), as attached here; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that conflicts between people and bears are a danger to the people of Woodstock and the Town, and that such conflicts are primarily caused by the outdoor storage of food and food waste, whether intentional or unintentional; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Local Law seeks to refine the Town's Animals regulations (Chapter 14) to reduce those conflicts and keep both residents and wildlife safe, pursuant to the recommendations of the Bear Task Force throughout 2024 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Local Law prohibits the intentional feeding of black bears and requires incidental feeding to be remedied; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to hold a public hearing on the Proposed Local Law in accordance with Section 20(5) of the Municipal Home Rule Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Woodstock hereby schedules a public hearing on Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2026 for the 7th day of July, 2026 at 7:15pm at the Woodstock Town Hall, 45 Comeau Drive, Woodstock, NY 12498; and be it further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of such public hearing in the official Town newspaper and to post such notice on the Town's official sign board and website, not less than ten (10) days before the date of the hearing; and be it further

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the Proposed Local Law shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk during normal business hours.

Vote:

- Supervisor Courtis —aye
- Councilmember Korolkoff — aye
- Councilmember Earls — aye
- Councilmember Osmond — aye

Resolution adopted 4 –0

RESOLUTION 147-2026

AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER

First: Supervisor Courtis

Second: Councilmember Korolkoff

WHEREAS, the Town of Woodstock Police Department has a need for part-time police officer coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the recommendation to hire a part-time police officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Woodstock hereby authorizes the hiring of Aiden North as a Part-Time Police Officer, effective June 22, 2026**,** at the hourly rate of $30.90, subject to all applicable civil service, background, and employment requirements.

Vote:

- Supervisor Courtis —aye
- Councilmember Korolkoff — aye
- Councilmember Earls — aye
- Councilmember Osmond — aye

Resolution adopted 4 –0

RESOLUTION 148-2026

AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER

First: Supervisor Courtis

Second: Councilmember Earls

WHEREAS, the Town of Woodstock Police Department has a need for police officer coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the recommendation to hire a police officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Woodstock hereby authorizes the hiring of Luis Martinez-Perez as a Part-Time Police Officer, effective June 22, 2026, at the hourly rate of $30.90, subject to all applicable civil service, background, and employment requirements.

Vote:

- Supervisor Courtis —aye
- Councilmember Korolkoff — aye
- Councilmember Earls — aye
- Councilmember Osmond — aye

Resolution adopted 4 –0

RESOLUTION 149-2026

Authorizing Submission of Correspondence Regarding Proposed Inclusion of Tax Parcels SBL 26.2-6-26.220 and SBL 26.2-6-26.100 into a NYS Certified Agricultural District, and Authorizing Representation Before Ulster County

First: Supervisor Courtis

Second: Councilmember Osmond

WHEREAS, the Woodstock Town Board has received notice of an application before the Ulster County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board for inclusion of parcels identified as SBL 26.2-6-26.220 and SBL 26.2-6-26.100 in a New York State certified agricultural district; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the proposed application and has determined that, while it supports the protection of farmland, it has concerns regarding the appropriateness of the subject parcels due to their location within a quiet residential area; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to formally communicate its position to Ulster County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Woodstock hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign and submit a letter to the Ulster County Legislature and/or Ulster County Planning Department conveying the Town's position regarding the proposed inclusion of SBL 26.2-6-26.220 and SBL 26.2-6-26.100 in a New York State certified agricultural district; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor, or a designated member of the Town Board, is hereby authorized to appear before the Ulster County Legislature, the Ulster County Planning Board, or any related board or body, as necessary, to present and communicate the Town's concerns regarding this matter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote:

- Supervisor Courtis —aye
- Councilmember Korolkoff — aye
- Councilmember Earls — aye
- Councilmember Osmond — aye

Resolution adopted 4 –0

RESOLUTION 150-2026

AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A SEASONAL LABORER

First: Supervisor Courtis

Second: Councilmember Earls

WHEREAS, the Town of Woodstock Highway Department has a need for full-time seasonal laborer coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the recommendation to hire a seasonal laborer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Woodstock hereby authorizes the hiring of Colvin VanDeBogart as a **Grade 1, Seasonal Laborer, effective June 15, at an hourly rate of $21.85,** subject to all applicable civil service, background, and employment requirements.

Vote:

- Supervisor Courtis —aye
- Councilmember Korolkoff — aye
- Councilmember Earls — aye
- Councilmember Osmond — aye

Resolution adopted 4 –0

RESOLUTION 151-2026

AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A SEASONAL LABORER

First: Supervisor Courtis

Second: Councilmember Earls

WHEREAS, the Town of Woodstock Highway Department has a need for full-time seasonal laborer coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the recommendation to hire a seasonal laborer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Woodstock hereby authorizes the hiring of Brodie Dittus as a **Grade 1, Seasonal Laborer, effective June 15, at an hourly rate of $21.85,** subject to all applicable civil service, background, and employment requirements.

Vote:

- Supervisor Courtis —aye
- Councilmember Korolkoff — aye
- Councilmember Earls — aye
- Councilmember Osmond — aye

Resolution adopted 4 –0

RESOLUTION 152-2026

AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINT

First: Supervisor Courtis

Second: Councilmember Korolkoff

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2023 Angelo Ramos ("Complainant") filed a complaint (the "Complaint") with the New York State Division of Human Rights against the Town Highway Department ("Respondent"); and

WHEREAS, the Complaint alleged certain unlawful discriminatory practices relating to employment by Respondent in violation of N.Y. Exec. Law, art. 15 ("Human Rights Law"); and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to settle the Complaint pursuant to the terms and conditions in the draft Stipulation of Settlement attached hereto as Exhibit A ("Stipulation of Settlement").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Woodstock hereby agrees to settle the Complaint according to the terms and conditions outlined in the Stipulation of Settlement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized and directed to execute the Stipulation of Settlement on behalf of the Town and the Respondent Town Highway Department.

Vote:

- Supervisor Courtis —aye
- Councilmember Korolkoff — aye
- Councilmember Earls — aye
- Councilmember Osmond — aye

Resolution adopted 4 –0

RESOLUTION 153-2026

RECERTIFYING PARTICIPATION IN THE NYS PRO-HOUSING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

First: Supervisor Courtis

Second: Councilmember Osmond

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Woodstock previously adopted Resolution No. 122-2024 supporting participation in the New York State Pro-Housing Communities Program; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board continues to recognize that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State's economic growth and community well-being; and
WHEREAS, the housing crisis continues to have negative effects at both regional and local levels, and the Town of Woodstock acknowledges that every community must do its part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from a healthy housing market; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board reaffirms its belief that supporting housing production of all kinds within the community brings multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choice for current and future residents, providing integrated and accessible housing options for people with sensory and mobility disabilities, strengthening economic vitality, and allowing residents to live closer to employment opportunities; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities provides significant environmental and public health benefits; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board remains committed to affirmatively furthering fair housing, reducing segregation, and maintaining a strong and inclusive community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Woodstock hereby reaffirms and recertifies its commitment to the New York State Pro-Housing Communities Program and continues to adopt the Pro-Housing Communities pledge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Woodstock will continue to endeavor to take the following actions:

A. Streamline permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
B. Adopt and implement policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
C. Incorporate regional housing needs into planning decisions.
D. Increase development capacity for residential uses where appropriate.
E. Enact policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to maintain this resolution and submit any required documentation to New York State to maintain the Town's status as a Pro-Housing Community.

Vote:

● Supervisor Courtis —aye
● Councilmember Korolkoff — aye
● Councilmember Earls — aye
● Councilmember Osmond — aye

Resolution adopted 4 –0.

DISCUSSIONS

Potential Amendment to Chapter 7 – Alarm Systems

Representatives from the Woodstock Fire Department, including Evan Holland (Board of Fire Commissioners) and Symon Hallam, discussed proposed amendments to Chapter 7 of the Town Code relating to alarm systems.

Key points included:

- The department is experiencing a decline in volunteer firefighters, with more than 50% of property owners now being second- or third homeowners.
- Call volume continues to increase while the number of available responders decreases.
- Approximately 30% of emergency responses are for nuisance alarms, including:
  - Fire and smoke alarm malfunctions
  - Improperly placed or installed detectors
  - Sump pump/cellar pump alarms
- A proposed enforcement process would include:
  - **First occurrence:** Warning and educational outreach
  - **Second occurrence:** Citation
  - **Third occurrence:** $250 fine
  - **Fourth occurrence:** $500 fine
  - Subsequent violations could increase to a maximum fine of **$1,000**.

Potential Increase to Handicap Parking Fines

The Board expressed appreciation to Jackie Manganaro for bringing forward the issue of insufficient penalties for handicapped parking violations.

A proposal was discussed to increase the fine from $25 to $150 to better discourage misuse of designated accessible parking spaces.

Wraparound Childcare Needs

Councilmember Korolkoff reported that a community survey has been developed to assess local childcare and wraparound care needs. The survey will help identify gaps in services and guide future planning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Department of Transportation (DOT) Update

- The New York State Department of Transportation is expected to attend a meeting in July to provide an update on the project.
- Business owners will have an opportunity to discuss the proposal and gain a better understanding of what improvements are feasible.
- No update has been received regarding the status of the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant.

Community Center Technology Upgrade

John from PC Maven assisted the Community Center by installing a faster internet router to improve connectivity.

Public Be Heard

- **Michael Mulvey**
  - Expressed concerns about the impact of the Town's unenforceable noise (decibel) ordinance on the local arts community.
  - Encouraged the Town Board to continue supporting artists and live music.
- **Rachel Marco Havens**
  - Expressed support for the possibility of establishing a farms.
  - Shared concerns about trees that may be removed under the current DOT proposal.
  - Also referenced the impact of tourism on the community.
- **Lisa Berger**
  - Spoke during public comment regarding being pleased with progress of town matters.
- **Michael Platsky**
  - Reported concerns regarding the Calamar Lane Hotel, stating that a neighboring property owner had been burning a large pile of debris.
- **Urana Kinlen**
  - Reported being part of a community effort to petition for the creation of a Live Music Task Force, noting that the petition has gathered nearly 1,000 resident signatures and approximately 2,000 non-resident signatures.
  - Also spoke about the importance of volunteerism and the ongoing need for affordable housing in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20PM, Supervisor Courtis moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by: Councilmember Earls

All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghann Reimondo
1st Deputy Town Clerk