

Tuesday, October 20th 2009

Town of Woodstock
Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Selectmen: Jim Fadden, Joel Bourassa, Gil Rand

Staff: Sandy Dovholuk, Judy Welch

Guest: Doug Moorhead, Ruth Ballmer, Doug Duncan, Michelle Duncan, Joanne Osgood, Ken Osgood, Butch Chase, Kelly Chase, Anne-Marie Perry, Brenda Kneeland, Jay Polimeno, Al Simensen, Diane Simensen, Christina Gilbert, Jim Young, Susan Young, Karen Trickett, Joe Trickett, Erica Catoggio, Luca Catoggio, Tony Nichols, Joanne Nichols, Mia Jacobson, Judy Bringola, Tom Bringola, Peter Joseph, Patricia McTeague, Deanna Huot, Hannah Hill, David Talbot, Stephanie Oleson, Stacey Caulder, J.D. Iles, Chris Baker, Mike Hyland, Cheri Caulder

Jim called meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Ruth Ballmer/Winter Festival:

Ruth gave an updated plan of events for the First Annual Woodstock Winter Festival. The event will be held on December 9 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The Lin-Wood chorus and band will participate and shops on Main Street will stay open to serve hot chocolate and cider to the carolers. The town will hang banners from all light poles on Main Street by Thanksgiving and all shops and restaurants will decorate with white lights etc. Ruth plans to advertise in the White Mountain Shopper, distribute flyers around town, and do a bulk mailing. The Board requested that Ruth work up a budget and contact Sandy to make sure it is within the budgeted amount.

Proposed Entertainment Club in Woodstock/Concerned Citizens:

The Board decided to invite people to this meeting tonight to respond to all the rumors floating around the community about the proposed entertainment club in Woodstock. The Board felt the best thing to do was to get everyone together so that everyone could get an idea of what was really happening and at the same time be able to listen to individual concerns. In efforts to be ready for all questions and concerns the Board asked that Peter Joseph, Town Manager in Lincoln, attend because he has been through this in a previous capacity while working in another town. They also asked Doug Moorhead, Chief of Police of Woodstock, to attend to take on the legal side of the questions and concerns. Doug has done a lot of research on the legal side and has also been in contact with towns that have been put in similar situations and reviewed their ordinances.

Jim stated that the town has not been formally notified of anyone's plans to establish an adult entertainment club. Jim noted that a couple inquiring phone calls had been made but nothing more than that. Most of the information the town has received has been through the numerous emails, calls, and visits to the Selectmen indicating what they heard was going to happen. Jim stated that it has been very hard for the Selectmen to establish what is truth and what is not when no action has actually been taken.

With this being said the Board opened the floor up for questions and concerns.

There were numerous questions and concerns addressed. The Board stated that they cannot prohibit an adult entertainment club; they can only set restrictions with an ordinance. They feel that even if the town had zoning this would not have protected us from an adult entertainment club. The Board feels that the best course of action is to proceed with a restrictive ordinance. They assured the citizens that this would be something they would be working on and would bring before the town's people at Town Meeting, in March, for vote.

They encouraged everyone to follow the minutes posted on the website for further updates.

Letter from Recreation Director/Contribution:

The Board received a letter from the Recreation Director requesting financial assistance in energy efficient renovations at the Community Center. The letter stated that they received the 4th USDA Rural Facilities Grant to replace all of the inefficient windows (23) as well as re-insulating. However, the lowest bids for this project came in at \$5705 over the amount of the grant. The Lincoln-Woodstock Rotary Club has agreed to fund \$2000 of this project if the Towns of Lincoln and Woodstock also contribute \$2000. The Board discussed this and decided to investigate what was available in the budget before making a decision. If the funds are available the Board would be in agreement to contribute to this project.

Sign Building Permits/Dartmouth College/Lehouillier/Rand/Montaup/Mosman:

The Board reviewed and signed the building permits for Dartmouth College, Gene Lehouillier, Paul Rand, Montaup Cabins, and Steve Mosman.

Sign Memorandum of Agreement/DOS/Radios:

The Board reviewed and signed the Memorandum of Agreement for the programming of all fire department radios with the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety.

Minutes of the October 6, 2009 Board Meetings:

Gil motioned to accept the minutes of October 6, 2009 meeting. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Other Business:

Signed checks.

Sandy stated that she will need Selectmen representation in Concord at DRA on Wednesday October 28 for the setting of the tax rate.

Tim, from Cartographics, will be drawing up a proposal to include ditches and waterlines in our GIS Mapping project.

Gil motioned to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Joel seconded and the vote was affirmative.