Town of Woodstock Selectmen's Meeting Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Selectmen: Jim Fadden Jr., Joel Bourassa, R. Gil Rand **Staff:** Judy Welch, Ryan Oleson, Stephanie Oleson

Public: Patrick Griffin, John MacKay, Tamra Ham, Helen Jones, Jeanne Woods

Jim called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Public Participation:

No Public Participation

Stephanie Oleson/Lumberjack Festival:

Stephanie presented the Board with an event that she is looking to do in collaboration with the Woodstock Police Department, Woodstock Fire Department, and Lincoln Fire Department. Stephanie explained that this would be a two-day community event to celebrate the heritage of our area and to raise money for the Steve Bomba Scholarship. She has established a committee that will plan and organize the weekend which consists of herself, Cayla Kevlik, John MacKay, Ryan Oleson, Ron Beard, and Melissa Sabourn. If she receives the Board's blessing she would name the event Lumberjack Festival and have it held on August 4th and 5th. If the event is successful she would like to do this annually.

The Board reviewed the schedule of events Stephanie had prepared and questioned if there would be any cost to the Town, how she planned to fund the event, and what the budget looked like. They asked Stephanie how she planned to handle the funds and whether she had checked into the liability.

Stephanie assured the Board that there would be no cost to the Town and explained that she planned to fund the event by donations. Her hope is to run the donations through the Woodstock Firefighter Fund and the Steve Bomba Scholarship Fund. She estimated a cost of \$8,500.

Tamra Ham thinks this is a wonderful idea but pointed out that they are duplicating a lot other events already taking place in the community and expressed her concerns about stepping on other people's toes and the timing of the event.

Helen Jones loves the concept but does not agree with the dates of the event or the schedule of events. She thinks it replicates National Night Out. Helen expressed her concerns with liability and legality of processing the donations. She encouraged them to consider another time so it's not so taxing on the community.

Jeanne Woods asked why the community was being told that National Night Out wasn't happening and questioned who Stephanie was planning to hit up for donations.

Stephanie assured Jeanne that she hasn't told anyone that National Night Out wasn't happening and that she doesn't plan on hitting up local businesses.

Joel motioned to table the discussion and revisit at a later meeting in order to have time to take everything into consideration and gather more information. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Ryan Oleson/Police Department/Personnel:

Ryan would like to hire Jeff Caulder on a part-time basis. Ryan stated that Jeff would be utilized for special details and would be on standby to fill in gaps in the schedule. Jeff will not be part of the regular schedule.

The Board questioned the additional uniform and equipment expenditure and whether or not this would work within the current budget.

Ryan assured them that there would be no added expenditure and that it will work within his current budget.

Joel motioned to approve hiring Jeff Caulder as a part-time officer as long as Ryan is able to stay within the confines of his budget. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Woodstock Firefighter Fund/Donation:

The Woodstock Fire Department presented the Board with a gift of \$105.00, on behalf of the Woodstock Firefighters, to be deposited in the previously established Woodstock Firefighter Fund. Gil motioned to accept the gift of \$105.00 from the Woodstock Firefighters and requested that the Trustees of Trust Funds deposit it into the Woodstock Firefighter Fund. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Minutes of the May 1, 2018 Meeting:

Gil motioned to accept the minutes of the May 1, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting. vote was affirmative.

Old Business:

Workshop/RFP's Old Fire House & Town Office Building:

No action taken.

Woodstock Family Playground:

The Board reviewed reports from the May 14th meeting with FEMA, Horizon Engineering, and Primex pertaining to the playground. The Board discussed options based on information and recommendation provided by all three agencies. Joel motioned to close the playground for the summer and relocate it to a section of land off the municipal parking lot and restore the land behind the fire house to a picnic area. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

New/Other Business:

Jim motioned to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 7:58 p.m. Gil seconded the motion and the lote was affirmative.

June 26, 2018