Town of Woodstock Selectmen's Meeting Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Selectmen: Jim Fadden Jr., Joel Bourassa, R. Gil Rand

Staff: Judy Welch

Public: Patrick Griffin, Phil Batchelder

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

Phil Batchelder/Abutting Property/New Playground:

The Board reviewed an email from Toni Massari, President of Ladies in the Sky LLC, and owner of 5 Morris Street pertaining to the relocation of the new playground. Phil Batchelder attended as a representative for the owners and addressed the concerns that were outlined in the email. The Board noted their concerns and will take them under advisement. No action taken.

Minutes of the May 15, 2018 Meeting:

Joel motioned to accept the minutes of the May 15, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Class Action/PILT Act/United States-Federal Lands:

The Board is in receipt of an Official Notice from the United States Court of Federal Claims regarding a Class Action lawsuit regarding the right to recover additional sums under the Payments In Lieu of Taxes Act for the fiscal years of 2015, 2016, 2017. Based on the recommendation of town counsel, Joel motioned to opt into the Class Action lawsuit. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Check Request/Woodstock Firefighter Fund:

Joel motioned to approve the check request for \$107.43 payable to Melissa Sabourn, for a lifetime member jacket for Mike Welch, from the Woodstock Firefighter Capital Reserve Fund. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Woodstock Firefighter Fund/Donation:

The Woodstock Fire Department presented the Board with two gifts totaling \$265.00, on behalf of the Woodstock Firefighters, to be deposited in the previously established Woodstock Firefighter Fund. Gil motioned to accept the gift of \$265.00 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.

Application/Cascade Park/Western White Mountain Chamber of Commerce:

The Board reviewed an application from Western White Mountain Chamber of Commerce to use Cascade Park on September 3, 2018 for the Rubber Duck Regatta. Joel motioned to waive the fee and approve the application. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Old Business:

Infrastructure Improvements/Old Fire House:

A scope of work and RFP will be prepared for work on the lower deck, stairs, and upper deck at the old fire house.

Woodstock Family Playground:

The Board reviewed a layout/design and quotation, prepared by M.E. O'Brien & Sons Inc. Joel motioned to accept the layout/design as prepared. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

PILT/Tax Exemption/Dartmouth Ravine Lodge:

Judy informed the Board that she has not received any response to the letter sent to McLane and Middleton, on March 20, 2018, pertaining to the A-9 filed on behalf of Dartmouth College. Judy spoke with the town's counsel, who recommended denying the A-9 because there isn't enough information provided to prove to the Board that the property is tax exempt. Joel motioned to deny to the A-9 and asked that the town's counsel prepare a letter to send to McLane and Middleton. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

New/Other Business:

The Board is in receipt of notification from NHEC pertaining vegetation control, notification from Eversource pertaining to mowing and routine tree trimming, and the 2019-2020 Legislative Policy Process from NHMA. No discussion. No action taken.

Jim motioned to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 7:31 p.m. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

July 10, 2018