

Tuesday, March 23rd 2010

Town of Woodstock
Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Selectmen: Jim Fadden, Joel Bourassa
Staff: Sandy Dovholuk, Judy Welch
Public Participation: Lisa Schurman, Winslow Schurman, Patrick Griffin

Jim called meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

Jim motioned to appoint Gil to chairman for the 2010-2011 year. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Winslow & Lisa Schurman/ Bike Week:

Skip and Lisa questioned the Board about the rental of the Municipal Parking Lot during Bike Week for a flea market. Skip stated that they have not been contacted or informed by anyone as to what the plans are for this and feels all the business owners should have been the first to be contacted and involved in the decision making process. Skip said that he has spoke to most of the business owners on Main Street and nobody has been contacted. Skip noted that he has been involved with events like this and has many questions and concerns. He noted that it takes a long time to plan one of these correctly and could see this turning into a circus and drawing a lot of bad crowds to this town. He feels this is too nice of a town for that to happen. Skip also stated that the only thing that is going to make money out of this is alcohol. Skip feels there are better ways to attract people to this community.

Joel stated that there have only been two meetings on this and they are still in the planning process. They were very clear that it has to be kept respectful when they gave Mike Hyland the go ahead. Joel explained the intent of this weekend was to draw people into town and keep them here longer. This would mean they would spend more time in our restaurants and shops. They are planning for nonprofit tents and respectful vendors.

Joel also stated that the Chamber of Commerce is working on advertising and putting together package deals with the hotels/motels.

As for the alcohol the Board stated that there will be no sale or consumption of alcohol products on town property.

Jim stated that as of the last meeting Mike was requested to draw up a schematic/plot plan, check on electricity, and contact the other business owners. Jim thought Mike would be at this meeting with an update.

Skip noted that the light pole in the Municipal Parking Lot is on town land but the meter belongs to him. Skip stated that he would move the meter if requested by the town but would

not leave there and allow Mike/Town the usage of the meter. Skip also stated that he needs to check with his insurance company concerning the Right of Way the town has on his property and whether he is liable or not.

Skip said he is just trying to help and feels everyone should have been involved by now. He left the Board with a list of the following questions and concerns he would like answered:

1. What about their shop?
2. Who will benefit?
3. How are they going to filter out the bad crowds?
4. Town Liability?
5. Rules and Regulations for the event?
6. Are vendors going to be bonded?

Skip will be on board with ideas and suggestions as long as things are done right. Skip feels there should be a meeting with the board, organizers, and business owners.

Jim stated that we are still in the concept stages and everyone is welcome to attend the Selectmen's Meetings. The Board feels all should have input and will contact Mike to get him moving on notifying people.

Lisa is concerned about their business. She stated that these vendors carry everything they carry. These vendors can sell their products for a lot less money because they buy in bulk and travel across the country selling all year long. Their business is only open for six months of the year and they can't match the prices of the vendors. Bike Week is their busiest week and these vendors will undercut them. Lisa feels they should have been contacted first. Lisa stated she called Mike Hyland and left a message but it has not been returned. She is asking that the Board be fair and that their business receive the same treatment as the restaurants.

Lisa wanted to know:

1. Event Date?
2. Cost to Town?
3. How would the 2 Hour Parking Ordinance affect this?
4. Would there be adequate police and trash control?
5. Where advertising?
6. Bathrooms?
7. EPA – Oil changing?
8. Outlaw bike groups?
9. Vendor's sleeping arrangements?

To answer some of Lisa's questions Joel stated that the event would be held on June 18, 19, and 20. He feels that Screamin' Skips will benefit from this because the people will stay longer and shop more.

The Municipal Parking Lot will still be open for parking and the vendors will be set up on the outer edge. Vendors will not be allowed to campout in the Municipal Parking Lot.

Mike Hyland is looking into trash control and additional portable toilets.

Gil stated that adequate police control is a must.

Advertising is being done through the Chamber of Commerce. They will be using popular bike venues and websites.

Patrick Griffin/Lady Slipper:

Patrick wants to know when exactly the town will be taking over Lady Slipper Road.

The Board stated they are waiting on a deed and as soon as they receive it the Town will take over Lady Slipper.

Patrick also stated that someone removed the association's "Private Sign" and he would like to have it back as memorabilia to hang in his garage. The Board will look into this matter.

Patrick noticed that Bill was measuring and marking for guardrails and feels that before any guardrails are installed Bill should notify and explain what is happening to the homeowners.

The Board did not have any knowledge of guardrails and will contact Bill for further information.

Approve Telecommunications Ordinance passed at Town Meeting:

Gil motioned to accept the Telecommunications Ordinance that was passed at Town Meeting. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Approve Disorderly Actions Ordinance passed at Town Meeting:

Jim motioned to accept the Disorderly Actions Ordinance that was passed at Town Meeting. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Approve Entertainment Ordinance passed at Town Meeting:

Joel motioned to accept the Entertainment Ordinance that was passed at Town Meeting. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Sign Elderly Exemptions/Lamontagne:

The Board reviewed and approved the Elderly Exemption for Lamontagne.

Sign Elderly Exemptions/L. Havlock:

The Board reviewed and approved the Elderly Exemption for Havlock.

Glacial Energy Bill:

The Board reviewed and signed an invoice from Glacial Energy.

Request from Paula MacKay/Cascade Park/ONED:

Gil motioned to table Paula's request to use Cascade Park's Pavilion on Old New England Day until further information is provided. Joel will get clarification. Joel seconded the motion and

the vote was affirmative.

Request from Chamber/Cascade Park Use/June 26 & September 6, 2010:

Gil motioned to approve the request from the Chamber of Commerce to use Cascade Park for Old New England Day and the Rubber Duck Race. Jim seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Request from Lin-Wood Class 2010/Cascade Park Use/May 31:

Gil motioned to approve the request from the Lin-Wood Class of 2010 to use Cascade Park for Baccalaureate on May 31st.

Minutes of the February 23, 2010 Board Meetings:

Jim motioned to accept the minutes of February 23, 2010 meeting. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Gil motioned to go into non-public session at 7:54pm. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Jim motioned to go out of non-public session at 8:17pm. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Cartographics/Accept proposal for mapping water, sewer, drainage lines:

Jim motioned to accept the proposal as written by Cartographics for the mapping of the water, sewer, and drainage. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Other Business:

Signed checks.

Sandy will schedule Kim, our health insurance representative, to come meet with the Selectmen during the middle of the summer.

Committee assignments will remain the same as last year. They are as followed:

Joel – Recreation & Community Center

Jim – Solid Waste & Budget Committee

Gil – Planning Board & North Country Council

Jim motioned to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Gil seconded and the vote was affirmative.