

**Town of Woodstock
Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, October 1, 2019**

Selectmen: Gil Rand, Scott Rice, Joel Bourassa

Staff: Judy Welch, Kevin Millar

Public: Patrick Griffin, Bill Waterhouse, Lee & Eileen Latham, Jerrilynn King, John Kelley, John & Lisa MacKay, Michael Donahue, Bob Stahler, Charyl Reardon

Gil called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Gil apologized for being late to the last meeting and explained that he had a personal situation come up.

Joel proposed the following:

Rules of Order for Regular Selectmen's Meetings

All Selectmen Meetings are open by law to the public for observation. In general, the public has no right to speak at an ordinary Selectmen's Meeting unless there is a specific "Public Participation" on the agenda (see RSA 91-A:2).

Please be respectful to the following Rules of Order:

- ***The Selectmen have the option to limit public participation to only the formal "Public Participation" item designated on the Agenda.***
- ***When you wish to speak, address only the Chairperson and wait for the Chairperson to acknowledge you. Do not address any other individual in attendance.***
- ***All comments and questions must be addressed to the Chairperson.***
- ***The Board will not entertain public comments about specific individuals unless the Chairperson deems it appropriate.***
- ***The Chairperson has the right to set a time limit for comments. Be concise.***
- ***Comments must be courteous. Personal remarks or accusatory comments are always out of order. Profanity, disorderly language or gestures at meetings are prohibited.***

Scott motioned to adopt the proposed Rules of Order for Regular Selectmen's Meetings. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Public Participation:

Mike Donahue questioned whether a maintenance agreement had been signed for Clark Farm Road and what it consisted of. Mike also questioned the status of the road. Gil explained that Clark Farm Road is a Class 5 road and noted that an agreement has been signed with Ice Castles for the maintenance. Gil suggested that Mike stop by the office and pick up a copy if he would like to know the details.

John MacKay questioned if the Board still planned to loop the waterline on Paradise Road. Gil explained that they are in hopes to have this done this year however they are still waiting on engineered plans. John questioned who was going to do the work and why the Board was wasting money on engineering. John stated that in the past himself, Steve, and Bill did all the watermain work and that the Town never needed to hire

anyone. Gil explained that a lot has changed with water rules and regulations. Scott stated that the waterline wasn't installed properly the first time so they want to make sure it is correct this time.

Jerrilyn King/Woodstock Cooperative/18 Scenic View Drive:

Jerrilyn informed the Board that the Woodstock Cooperative did not hold up their end of the tax forgiveness agreement that was made pertaining to 18 Scenic View Drive. Jerrilyn said she has heard from board members that they plan to leave that site vacant and use it for snow storage. Jerrilyn referenced a letter dated June 27, 2017 from Smith-Weiss Shepard P.C. Attorneys that was sent on behalf of Woodstock Cooperative and questioned if that was the intent of the agreement. Jerrilyn expressed her concerns about the Town helping again if this agreement is not upheld.

The Board stated that they agreed to forgive the taxes on 18 Scenic View Drive with the intent that the cooperative took ownership of the property, committed to demolishing and removing the unit from the site in order to bring in a new home that will allow the town to collect real estate taxes and the cooperative to collect rent. The Board explained that in order to forgive taxes in a situation like this it has to be in the best interest in the Town. The Board thanked Jerrilyn for bringing this to their attention. The Board will reach out to the cooperative to find out their intentions and will contact legal counsel to see if there is any recourse.

Minutes of the September 3, 2019 Meeting:

Scott motioned to accept the minutes of the September 3, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative. Joel abstained.

Minutes of the September 3, 2019 Non-Public Meeting:

Scott motioned to accept the minutes of the July 1, 2019 Non-Public Selectmen's Meeting. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative. Joel abstained.

Minutes of the September 17, 2019 Meeting:

Only one Selectman appeared. No business conducted. Minutes read as such. No motion made. Board signed.

Minutes of the September 23, 2019 Joint Meeting:

Joel motioned to accept the minutes of the September 23, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative. Scott abstained.

Mary Goodyear/Suggestion/Senior Tax Work-Off Program:

Mary dropped off information about a program that gives seniors the opportunity to participate in a property tax relief program to a maximum of \$750 per year in return for volunteer service to the town. Mary asked that the Board considering offering a similar program. Judy explained that she sent this information off to legal counsel and learned that this program is specifically authorized by state law in Massachusetts but not in New Hampshire. Judy further suggested that people approach their local state representatives to see if they can get a bill passed in New Hampshire.

Application/Cascade Park/Whalen:

The Board reviewed an application from Jennifer Whalen to use Cascade Park on October 19, 2019 for a wedding ceremony. The required fee and insurance coverage has been received. Joel motioned to approve the application. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative. Scott abstained.

Application/Cascade Park/O'Connor:

The Board reviewed an application from Shannon O'Connor to use Cascade Park on July 18, 2020 for a wedding ceremony. The required fee and insurance coverage has been received. Joel motioned to approve the application. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative. Scott abstained.

Old Business:

Based on input received at the Public Forum held on Saturday, September 7th the Planning Board is requesting an official vote be made by the Board of Selectmen to table any further actions pertaining to zoning. Scott motioned to table any further actions pertaining to zoning and motioned to look into different ordinances that may accomplish some of the concerns addressed. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative. Zoning has been tabled.

New Business:

Gil recognized the passing of John LaBrecque.

Joel motioned to appoint Bob Stahler to Building Inspector. Joel noted that Bob comes with a ton of experience in residential and industrial contracting, he is a prior electrician, has experience with code enforcement, and he has the flexibility, knowledge, and personality to do the job well. Scott seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

John questioned why he was told they were revamping the position and waiting until March.

Patrick questioned if the position was posted.

Gil explained that he had hoped that Bob would agree to stay on until March and confirmed that they do plan to revamp the duties of the building inspector. Gil also noted that the Board checked with legal counsel about the position and was told that the duties of building inspector default to the Selectmen and they either have the authority to appoint someone from the Board to carry out these duties or to appoint/delegate the duties to someone else.

Scott noted that he attended an all-day budget workshop with Judy and learned a lot.

Scott has been back and forth with Paul, from Pawjer Earth Products, about the fountain for Cascade Park. Scott has told him that they need a sketch and cost in order to determine how much money needs to be raised.

Scott has an energy consultant coming in next week to look at the Town Office building.

Joel had heard rumors that the Transfer Station was planning to charge fees to the Town's for items they were dropping off. Joel did not think this made any sense so he gave the Chairman of the Lincoln Select Board a call. The Chairman assured him that this was not true and agreed that it would not make much sense.

Joel made a public announcement pertaining to a new 22-million-dollar Urgent Care Center coming to Lincoln behind the Holiday Inn Express. LRH is partnering with a national company to bring a full-service facility to our community. They will be breaking ground sometime in the spring.

Other Business:

The Board has received notice of Grafton Regional Development Corporation's annual meeting being held on October 7th at 5:30pm.

Joel motioned to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 6:40 p.m. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

October 15, 2019



