Town of Woodstock Selectmen's Meeting Tuesday, September 22, 2020 Using ZOOM

Selectmen: Gil Rand, Charyl Reardon, Scott Rice

Staff: Judy Welch

Public: Kelly Trinkle, Melissa Sabourn, Sharon Carroll, Chris Caulder, Cheryl Bourassa, Alan Trudell, Janelle Bard, Cindy P., Kurt O'Connell, George Spanos, Bonnie Ham, Kara Sellingham, Charlotte Hogan, Patrick Griffin, Lisa Viveiros, Kristen Durocher, Dave Beaudin, Bill Waterhouse, Mark Pitts, George Sansoucy, Kelsee Beaudin, Teasha Camargo, Barbara Avery, Lorraine Logiudice, John Durocher

Scott called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Minutes of the August 25, 2020 Meeting:

Charyl motioned to accept the minutes of the August 25, 2020 Selectmen's Meeting and sign them at the office. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Minutes of the September 14, 2020 Joint Meeting:

Gil motioned to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2020 Joint Selectmen's Meeting and sign them at the office. Charyl seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Approve George Sansoucy Agreement:

Gil motioned to enter into an agreement with George Sansoucy, P.E., LLC for the establishment of the new methods of valuation of utility properties and reporting based on this new law (HB700). Charyl seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

George Spanos/Building Height Waiver:

George requested a 2-foot building height waiver needed for an addition he is building at 1366 Daniel Webster Highway. George explained that he has less than 26 feet to the primary eaves on three of the four sides. One side will require a 2-foot waiver. Gil motioned to grant the 2-foot waiver needed for that side. Scott seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Possible Gun Range/Daniel Webster Highway:

Scott stated that board members have been approached by citizens that have heard rumors about a possible gun range on Daniel Webster Highway. Scott explained that they were unaware of this until citizens began calling and have been actively working with legal counsel to find out what regulations are out there and what authority they have. Scott opened the discussion up by first asking the prospective owner, Christopher Caulder to explain his plans for the range.

Chris confirmed that he has leased the property from Caulder Construction and plans to open a shooting range. Chris stated that this would be a member only club and the number of memberships would be limited. Chris explained that he has been inspired to do this to encourage education around guns and safety. He noted that all trainings will be taught on safe educational courses with firearms instructors that are certified former military and law enforcement. Chris assured that he had taken noise into consideration and has been working with engineers to create a range that is less impactful to community. Chris noted that he is a lifelong resident of Woodstock and loves the community he lives in and pointed out that the last thing he wants is to upset the residents and have a negative impact on the community.

The Board and Chris fielded questions from residents ranging from transparency and the lack of information, to regulations, lead management, and noise ordinances.

Scott explained that without zoning, site plan reviews, and occupancy permits the Town has no way to regulate this. Scott noted that the Board has reached out to the Attorney General's Office, NH Fish and Game, NH State Police, NH Fire Marshall's Office, ATF, NH Mine & Safety, NHDRA, NHDES, and NHDOT only to realize that these types of businesses are more protected than they are regulated. Scott noted that the Board had already planned to propose adopting a Noise Ordinance at Town Meeting however RSA159-B:1 exempts an already established shooting range.

Chris offered to meet with the residents of the community to discuss his plans and work through all their concerns.

Jeff Ingalls Bench Ceremony:

The Board has received notification, from Bob Gagne, that the ceremony to unveil Jeff Ingall's memorial bench at Soldier's Park has been set for Saturday, October 3, 2020.

Check Requests/Woodstock Firefighter Fund:

Gil motioned to approve the check request for \$1735.00 payable to The Rocks Christmas Tree Farm for the wreath fundraiser. This money is to be withdrawn from the Woodstock Firefighter Capital Reserve Fund. Charyl seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Other Business:

Woodstock Winter Fest:

The Board has decided to postpone the Woodstock Winter Fest for 2020 and revamp it to create a more virtual string of activities with a social distancing approach. The Board does not feel they can meet the Universal Guidelines that have been put in place and the unknown of what fall and winter will bring they are unable to take the necessary steps to start the planning process.

Correspondence:

The Board has received correspondence from the Town of Thornton pertaining to a public hearing for a Site Plan Review on a proposed wireless communication facility.

Public Participation:

Bill Waterhouse questioned whether or not the Board had the authority to grant a Building Height Waiver. The Board will seek legal counsel.

The public was able to participate remotely over Zoom by going to www.zoom.us, using the Zoom App on a cellphone, or on a landline calling 1-646-558-8656 Password: 349872 and entering Meeting ID: 993 1468 5558 Password: 349872. If the public were unable to access the meeting, they were asked to call 603-348-8752 for assistance.

Charyl motioned to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 6:29 p.m. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

October 6, 2020