

Tuesday, January 25th 2011

Town of Woodstock
Selectmen's Meeting
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Selectmen: Jim Fadden, Gil Rand, Joel Bourassa
Staff: Sandy Dovholuk, Judy Welch, Steve Welch
Public: Patrick Griffin, Sharon Horne

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

Public Participation/Sharon Horne:

Sharon inquired what the procedure for a petition to "say no" to Northern Pass would entail. Gil stated that a petition would not be necessary because the Board is creating an Article to go on the Warrant for Town Meeting. Gil also stated that the Town plans on being an intervening community, which is done through the Federal Emergency Regulatory Commission. Joel made motion to include an Article on the Warrant for Town Meeting in opposition of Northern Pass. Jim seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative. Proposed Warrant Article will read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to register and disseminate to all concerned in objection, opposition and commitment to stop the construction of any portion of the 1200 Megawatt High Voltage Direct Current Transmission Line in the Town of Woodstock as presently proposed by Northeast Utilities, NStar, and Hydro-Quebec since such a huge scar constructed and erected through and above the Town's treasured residential and scenic private properties will cause inestimable damage to the orderly economic development of the Town, its economy, and the health and wellbeing of its residents.

Public Participation/Patrick Griffin:

Patrick wanted to clarify his comments in the first paragraph of the January 11, 2011 minutes. He clarified that he is not opposed to the ambulance building or elderly driveways being plowed and has no opinion on Dr. Felgate's Driveway. He would also like to strike the wording "like he previously stated in the October 5, 2010 meeting" from the minutes.

Patrick also wanted to clarify the third paragraph on the January 11, 2011 minutes. Patrick would still like to see a sign on Lady Slipper Road that shows the "counter clockwise flow of traffic."

Discuss Ordinance/Chicken etc...:

Sandy checked with the town lawyer to see if the chicken ordinance could be added to the dog ordinance. The lawyer stated that the town would need to create a new ordinance. The recommendation of the proposed wording for an Ordinance Regarding Penning of Chickens, Guinea Hens, and Other Fowl:

WHEREAS the Town of Woodstock finds that chickens, guinea hens, and other fowl currently roam freely around town;

WHEREAS free roaming fowl are problematic in that they can cause traffic, health, safety, and welfare issues;

WHEREAS RSA 31:39, I(b) allows towns to make a bylaws for prevention of the going at large of horses and other domestic animals in any public place in town;

NOW THEREFORE the Town of Woodstock hereby ordains as follows:

1. All chickens, guinea hens, and other fowl kept by any person or entity in town must be contained in a pen or a building so that they are not at large on any public place in town, including any public right of way.

2. Violations of this ordinance shall result in a civil penalty in the amounts of \$100.00 for the first offense, \$250.00 for the second offense, \$500.00 for the third offense, and \$1000.00 for the fourth and all subsequent offenses.

Gil motioned to accept the new ordinance as presented by town attorney and recommended that it goes to Town Meeting. Jim seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Minutes of the January 11, 2011 Meeting:

Jim motioned to accept the minutes of January 11, 2011 Meeting. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Sign Veteran Exemption/Ehrman:

The Board reviewed and signed the Veteran Exemption for George Ehrman.

Sign Elderly Exemption/Frisbey:

The Board reviewed and signed the Elderly Exemption for Howard Frisbey.

Other Business:

Signed Checks.

The budget committee will be meeting for the last time before the Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Peter Joseph will be attending to explain what can and can't be done with the Solid Waste, Recreation, and Community Center budgets.

There will be an informational meeting concerning Northern Pass at the Lincoln Town Hall on February 7, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Petitioned Warrant Articles need to be in by February 1, 2011.

Joel motioned to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Jim seconded and the vote was affirmative.

