Town of Woodstock Selectmen's Meeting Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Selectmen: Jim Fadden, Gil Rand, Joel Bourassa Staff: Sandy Dovholuk, Judy Welch, Steve Welch Public: Ray Burton, Patrick Griffin

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

Public Participation/Patrick Griffin:

Patrick wanted to thank Jim and Bill for allowing him to remove the snow from around the culde-sac.

Ray Burton/Semi Annual Attendance:

Ray stated that this was a bi-annual visit that he is paying to all the Select Boards in District 2 as County Commissioner. He gave a brief overview on what was happening in the County Government. He discussed the proposed budget that will be effective on July 1, 2011 and the construction of the new jail. Ray stated that because of the hard economic times they are trying to keep the budget down and are not adding any new positions.

Gil questioned where Ray stood concerning Northern Pass. Ray stated that it has its pros and cons and that he is trying to make sure that the citizens in his district are being heard but he does not have any voting authority.

Minutes of the January 25, 2011 Meeting:

Jim motioned to accept the minutes of January 25, 2011 Meeting. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Abatement/Clermont:

After review Joel motioned to deny the abatement request for Edward Clermont and forward it on to the assessors for their review. Jim seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Abatement Request/Tax Collector/Zinman:

The Board reviewed and signed the water abatement per the request of the Tax Collector.

Letter/Lin-Wood School/Deborah Showalter:

The Board received a letter from Deborah Showalter requesting a member of the Select Board to come into the school to share a favorite book with an elementary class for "Read Across America" week. No decision was made.

Other Business:

Signed Checks.

The Board received bids from engineering firms to study our water distribution system. Jim motioned to accept the lowest bid proposal from CDM. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Senator Kelly Ayotte sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen with an update on Northern Pass. Senator noted that there will be a public scoping meeting at the Town Hall in Lincoln with the U.S. Department of Energy on March 16, 2011.

Joel motioned to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Jim seconded and the vote was affirmative.