

Tuesday, January 31st 2012

Town of Woodstock
Selectmen's Meeting
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Selectmen: Jim Fadden, Joel Bourassa

Staff: Judy Welch

Public: Fred Englert, Patrick Griffin, Merelise O'Connor, Tom Sabourn

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

LGC/Merelise O'Connor:

Merelise O'Connor, a member services representative from the Local Government Center (LGC), met with the Board to discuss the allegations filed against them with the Secretary of State's Office in July of 2009. The Secretary of State's Office has brought the following three charges forward: Violation of Security Regulations, Corporate Structure, and Fiscal Mismanagement. LGC does not believe they have broken any laws and are reputing all charges.

Personnel Policy/Fred Englert & Tom Sabourn:

Fred and Tom expressed their concern with letter "E" (Possession of firearms or any dangerous weapons) under Violations Subject to Disciplinary Action in the Personnel Policy. They explained that a lot of the firefighters are hunters and carry a firearm and knives in their vehicles. They are wondering if they would be in violation if they responded to a fire and left their weapon in their vehicle.

The Board stated that common sense would be used in any violations reported on this policy. The Board also stated that they have no issue with the weapons being locked up in their vehicles however; they are not to enter the building or respond to a fire with them. Knives, such as Leatherman-type and small pocket knives used as tools for work-related purposes would also be accepted.

Petitioned Warrant Article/Amkus Hydraulic Rescue System:

The Board reviewed a petitioned Warrant Article for an Amkus Hydraulic Rescue System (Jaws of Life). After some discussion Jim motioned to recommend this petition as presented. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Minutes of the January 17, 2012 Meeting:

Jim motioned to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2012 Selectmen's Meeting. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

CDM/Evaluation of Water System Storage:

The Board received a summary of CDM's evaluation of the water system storage. The Town hired CDM to evaluate the appropriate size and location for a new water storage tank that will

supplement the existing system storage and provide redundancy to allow for tank cleaning and maintenance activities. The Board tabled this for review and will meet with CDM before the printing of the final version.

Old Business:

CNP reviewed the abatement for Charlene & Charles Poliseño. The abatement was denied because the damage to the building did not occur until after April 1, 2011. However, CNP did inspect the inside and out and have adjusted the building accordingly for its uninhabitable condition. This value will be effective for the June 2012 tax bill.