

Town of Woodstock
Live Virtual Town Meeting
February 17, 2021
Via Zoom

Selectmen: R. Gil Rand, Charyl Reardon, Scott Rice

Staff: Judy Welch

Town Counsel: Laura Spector-Morgan

Moderator: D. Kenneth Chapman

Budget Committee Members: Kara Sellingham

Public: Sharon Carroll, Paul Bankosky, Jim & Connie Chesebrough, Tiffany Baumgardner, Bill Waterhouse, Lorraine Logiudice, Bill & Jackie Mellett, Betsy Scrafford, Mike Donahue Jr., Barbara Avery, Ellie Harvey, Janelle Bard, John Durocher, Frank & Peggy Aurelio, Charlie & Pauline Harrington, Kelsee Beaudin, Lisa Khalil, Kevin Foley, Melissa Avery, Marti Talbot, Betsy Beech, Gene

Scott called the Live Virtual Meeting to order at 5:04pm then turned the hearing over to the Charyl and Ken.

Charyl explained how the Live Virtual Meetings would be run. Charyl noted that she will be running a PowerPoint presentation of the Warrant Articles while Ken reads them aloud.

Ken read each Warrant Article and allowed input from the voters after each Article.

Marti Talbot questioned if the Town is currently funding a Community Center Capital Reserve. Charyl stated that there are no existing capital reserves being funding related to the Community Center and explained that when big ticket items come up, they are hitting our budget all at once.

Bill Mellett would like to see Article 22 and Article 23 removed and brought back up again next year during a normal Town Meeting so that it can be discussed in person and people can get up and state their case.

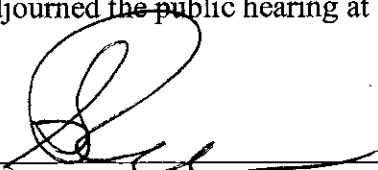
Bill Waterhouse questioned if the Board planned to present an article amending the Building Height Ordinance. Scott apologized and said that it had been overlooked. Bill questioned if it was too late to have it added.

Laura will check with the Secretary of State's Office to see whether or not articles can be removed or added at this time and have an answer for the next meeting.

Charyl followed up with answers to the questions that were asked at the last hearing related to ETF (Expendable Trust Fund) and a CRF (Capital Reserve Fund). She explained that there really is no difference between an ETF and a CRF—they function in the same manner in regards to establishing, appropriating to, expending from, naming agents, dissolving. They both require that moneys be raised and appropriated into them at Town Meeting and both allow for agents to expend so that you don't have to go back to Town Meeting to spend from them. Charyl stated that years ago, CRFs were only available for capital needs, and ETFs were available for other purposes such as benefits payable, computer software etc., now you can have a non-CRF, so it's just a difference in the naming.

Charyl thanked everyone for attending.

Scott adjourned the public hearing at 5:58pm.



Scott Rice, Chairman



Charyl Reardon



R. Gil Rand

March 23, 2021

Date