

**Town of Woodstock
Joint Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 12, 2016**

Woodstock Select Board: Joel Bourassa, Gil Rand

Lincoln Select Board: Tamra Ham, OJ Robinson

Staff: Judy Welch, Butch Burbank, Mike Welch, John MacKay

Public: Ben Clark

Joel called the meeting to order at 5pm to discuss the Ice Castle and the water supply in the Town of Lincoln.

The Selectpersons and Town Manager for the Town of Lincoln explained that the Town of Lincoln draws their water from East Branch River. They are allowed to draw from the river as long as a minimum 32 cubic feet per second (CFS) flow rate is maintained. If the river drops below 32 CFS, NHDES mandates they stop. Under normal circumstances the Town would then draw down from Loon Pond until the river flow once again reaches the minimum CFS requirement. However, the Town of Lincoln was required to drain Loon Pond in order to repair the dam this year per NHDES. Due to the lack of rain the pond has not replenished and is currently measuring just 14 feet below spill over.

The Town of Lincoln intends to request a waiver from NHDES to keep pulling from East Branch for essential use only.

The Town of Lincoln addressed concerns about the Ice Castle. The Ice Castle is a huge success, employs 50 or more people, and draws different demographics than skiers who spend money in area lodging, restaurants, and stores. That being said the Ice Castle construction and maintenance uses approximately 7.9 million gallons of water.

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The Town of Lincoln asked the Woodstock Board of Selectmen to consider allowing Hobo Hills to install a hydrant on their property and run a new waterline off the Town of Woodstock's main. There would be no cost to the Town of Woodstock.

Ben Clark reviewed plans and average daily usages with the Boards.

Woodstock's Board is receptive to the idea primarily due to economic reasons however they explained that they would need to involve experts to make sure the Town of Woodstock has enough water supply and determine that the infrastructure sustain the draw of this amount of water and still service the Town as it does currently.

The Boards also discussed somehow developing a loop system in the future so Woodstock's water main doesn't dead end in front of Rodgers, so that in an emergency domestic water situation, in either town, we could possibly share water supplies with each other. Engineering dollars would have to be appropriated and further discussion will have to take place.

Woodstock Chairperson	<u><i>R. G. Rand</i></u>	Lincoln Chairperson	_____
Woodstock Selectman	<u><i>Joel B.</i></u>	Lincoln Selectman	_____
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Date 10-24-16