

**Town of Woodstock
Live Virtual Town Meeting
February 24, 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, Helen Jones

Public: Sharon Carroll, Jim & Connie Chesebrough, Bill Waterhouse, Lorraine Logiudice, Betsy Scrafford, Barbara Avery, Ellie Harvey, Janelle Bard, John Durocher, Anne & Fred Englert, Charlie & Pauline Harrington, Lisa Khalil, Kevin Foley, Melissa Avery, Suzan Ballmer, Mark Pitts, T. Chamoun, Tom & Kathy Bentley, Dalton Bentley, Paul Bankosky, 603-348-****747

Ken called the Live Virtual Meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Ken pointed out that additional meeting dates have been and are scheduled for: March 3rd, March 10th, and March 17th.

Charyl shared a PowerPoint Presentation. Ken read each Warrant Article aloud and allowed input from the voters at the end.

Laura noted that a question was asked last week relevant to the removal of warrant articles. Laura clarified that after the Warrant is posted articles cannot be added or removed. All articles need to remain on the Warrant.

Mark Pitts questioned if the Town has an agreement in place with the racetrack and if so, does the agreement have terms for the hours of operation.

Scott noted that there is an agreement that references decibel limits. Scott intends to go down there to measure the decibels to make sure they are abiding by the original agreement that was signed when they first opened.

Gil pointed out that there was a meeting with the new track owner last year. The Board encouraged him to start the races earlier so that they would end earlier. The owner was receptive and agreed.

Mark also questioned if there is anything in the agreement about individuals renting the track for practice time.

Scott doesn't believe there are any restrictions in the original agreement pertaining to the hours of operation. Scott will have a copy of the agreement emailed to Mark.

Ken noted that the Noise Ordinance on the Warrant would exempt any business established prior to the adoption of any sound ordinance.

Sharon Carroll asked the Board if they could work on getting the terms for the hours of operation in writing.

Gil will work on this with the new owners.

Mark Pitts asked for examples of Class 5 and Class 6 roads.

Gil and Scott both explained that Class 5 roads are Town maintained roads such as Paradise Road and Class 6 roads are Town roads that are unmaintained such as Cox Farm Road.

Ken asked someone to explain Article 2.

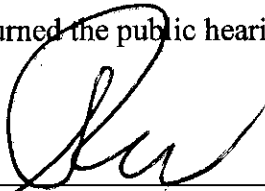
Laura explained that because of the ongoing pandemic the Town opted to proceed under HB1129 which allows for two virtual sessions to explain and discuss the warrant articles and for the Selectmen to amend those articles if deemed appropriate. Laura went on to explained that all of these articles will get voted on by ballot on April 13th. She noted that there will be two ballots one for officers and an alternative ballot for the warrant articles. She pointed out that the first questions on the alternative ballot will be: Do you approve of using this optional town meeting procedure? If that article fails every other article, with the exception of the election of officers fails. She stated the importance of voting YES to this article.

Fred Englert questioned how the Board arrived at the figure of \$480,000 for Article 3.

Gil stated that was the owner's asking price. Gil pointed out that the Board has done research and just to build the shell of a new garage it would cost roughly \$550,00 and does not include site work, the value of the property, interior fixtures, heating, plumbing, lighting, or additional storage units which are all included in Avery's property.

Ken and Charyl thanked everyone for their support and attending.

Ken adjourned the public hearing at 5:52pm.



Scott Rice, Chairman



Charyl Reardon



R. Gil Rand

March 23, 2021

Date