

**Town of Woodstock  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Tuesday, April 15, 2014**

**Selectmen:** Jim Fadden Jr., Gil Rand, Joel Bourassa

**Staff:** Judy Welch, Doug Moorhead

**Public:** Paul Hatch, Rex Caulder, Patrick Griffin, Bonnie Ham, Jeff Ingalls, Bob Stahler, Tanya Lopez, Terry Whipple

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

**Paul Hatch/Emergency Management Grant:**

The Town of Woodstock Board of Selectmen, in a majority vote, accept the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) as presented in the amount of \$4995.00 for the purpose of updating the Town's Emergency Management Plan. Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$9990.00, in which the Town will be responsible for a 50% in kind match of \$4995.00.

**Terry Whipple/Concerns/Project abutting property:**

Bonnie Ham, Planning Board Chair, explained that Terry came before the Planning Board last night and expressed concerns about the project abutting his property. Bonnie noted that although the Planning Board heard them out they made no determination as to whether it was earth excavation and had very little advice to offer so they referred them to the Board of Selectmen.

Terry questioned the width of the driveway, setbacks, whether the property is considered to be a commercial enterprise, whether all intents for timber and excavation have been filed, and whether or not more than a 1000 cubic yards have been removed. Terry has serious concerns about how close they are to his property and the steep grade causing serious water runoff. Because the property is owned by Rocky Heights LLC which is registered as a real estate development company, and Caulder Construction has a sign posted on the property Terry claims it should be considered commercial excavation which would then require them to maintain a 50 foot setback and adhere to the Town's Excavation Regulations as regulated by the Planning Board.

Rex explained that this project is considered to be incidental to build an access road to harvest timber and that as long as a driveway permit has been issued he is compliant. Rex stated that the driveway is compliant with the driveway permit and has already been approved and reclaimed by the State. Rex noted that just because a property is owned by a company does not mean that it is a commercial operation. Rex also pointed out that his sign is on a state right of way and was put there 4 years ago when he was leasing the property across the street from Conn Brothers. Rex explained that the plans for this project were brought before the Planning Board and that he has been operating under the determination of the Planning Board and the guidance of the Gravel Tax Appraiser.

The Board provided Terry with a copy the NH DOT issued driveway permit and a copy of an email from Mary Pinkham Langer regarding her site visit on March 21. This email read as follows:

"Dear Judy,

Thank you for contacting me about a taxpayers concern in regard to the above mentioned property. On Friday, March 21, 2014, I visited the property to view as to whether additional earth was being excavated and removed from the property. This is the same property that I have been keeping an eye on for the past year. The excavation occurring upon the property is considered to be incidental excavation for the construction of a driveway entrance and a "woods" road to access the parcel for timber harvesting (per the DOT driveway permit). Some of the excavated earth left the property and much of it was used on site for the development of the

road area. At this point, it does not appear that the excavation of earth requires a Notice of Intent to Excavate for the 2013 tax year. I did not observe additional excavation on Friday but did observe that the roadway is progressing up the hillside on a level ledge area. Some trees have been cut as part of the roadway development and would fall under the Yield Tax "land conversion" exemption. I verified this with Jesse Bushaw, Timber Tax Appraiser, this morning. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me."

*Mary E. Pinkham-Langer, C.N.F.A.  
Gravel Tax Appraiser  
Municipal and Property Division*

Gil also provided Terry with information about shared water rights with abutting property and property owners.

They explained that although they sympathize with their concerns they don't have any regulatory authority over any of these issues. They suggested they contact the necessary state departments for guidance.

**Chief Moorhead/Report/Charlie Wishart Setback Dispute:**

Chief Moorhead reported that he has been in contact with the landowner of 13 Blacksmith Drive. He said the landowner wants to sell the property and has been very receptive. Chief informed the Board that this screen house (aka shed) has been there for 7 years so there are no criminal charges to bring forward. The landowner will be coming up in May. Chief will meet with her then to establish a plan to either move the screen house or tear it down. Chief will serve her the State RSA that governs setbacks at that time. Chief will follow up with Charlie Wishart.

**Estimate/Scales/Solid Waste Facility:**

The Board reviewed an estimate for the purchase of a scale that would be suitable for weighing TV's and monitors (CRT's) at the Solid Waste Facility. Joel motioned to accept the estimate as presented. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

**Minutes of the April 1, 2014 Meeting:**

Jim motioned to accept the minutes of the April 1, 2014 Selectmen's Meeting. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Jim motioned to accept the non-public minutes of the April 1, 2014 Selectmen's Meeting. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

**Minutes of the April 2, 2014 Workshop:**

Jim motioned to accept the workshop minutes of the April 2, 2014 Selectmen's Meeting. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

**Review & Sign/Forest Service Agreement/Special Details:**

The Board reviewed and signed the 2014 Annual Operating Plan for the Forest Service Agreement between the White Mountain National Forest and the Woodstock Police Department for cooperative Law Enforcement activities within the White Mountain National Forest.

**Review & Sign/NH 911 Emergency Notification System:**

The NH Department of Emergency Services and Communications has recently established a system to allow towns to contact its residents in an emergency. This system may be used to broadcast emergency alert messages to inform citizens of a situation requiring immediate attention such as severe weather conditions (hurricanes, tornadoes, ice storms, etc...), evacuations, escaped and dangerous prisoners and hazardous material incidents. This system may NOT be used to broadcast non-emergency messages which are not related to an imminent public safety issue. The Board reviewed the policy guidance and signed an authorization user form appointing Douglas Moorhead and Judy Welch as designated authorized officials.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Signed Checks.

Wendy Pelletier, Town Librarian, has invited the Select Board to take part in a tour of Moosilauke Public Library to celebrate National Library Week on Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm with State Senator Jeff Woodburn and State Librarian Michael York.

Comcast Corporation has entered into an agreement to become owner of Time Warner Cable. Upon conclusion of this transaction the Town's franchise for cable will remain in place but ultimately be owned by Comcast.

The Board is in receipt of an invitation to a Site Evaluation Committee Information meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the grassroots Northern Pass group.

Joel announced that Lori Wiggett was the winner of the Woodstock Fireman's Association \$1040 raffle.

Gil motioned to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 7:55 p.m. Jim seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

April 29, 2014

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*R. G. Rand*  
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