

**Town of Woodstock
Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, February 4, 2014**

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

Staff: Judy Welch

Public: Patrick Griffin, Robert McAfee, John MacKay

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

Public Participation:

Patrick mentioned his dislike of the size of the seal on the new cruiser. Patrick provided the Board with several pictures of cruisers with decals and seals to scale. Patrick feels Chief Moorhead is trying to make a statement.

Patrick questioned changes with the area prosecution. Patrick is under the impression that Chief Moorhead has set up some type of PILOT program with Grafton County Attorney's Office. He has heard rumors that County Attorneys are traveling to Plymouth District Court and prosecuting cases for the Town of Woodstock rather than the Town, using the Plymouth Prosecutors. Patrick doesn't feel this is cost effective and is upset that something different is being done with the money that was funded for Plymouth Prosecutors.

Joel explained that he did collect information for a contact person two weeks ago. Joel didn't get a chance to follow up her but will do more research before the next meeting. Jim explained that there was money funded for prosecution and noted that it is up to the department head as to which prosecutor he uses.

Patrick questioned if the fire department has a new pickup. Jim explained that the fire department was using an old pickup that the highway department no longer needs to haul their trailer. Patrick wanted to know why this hadn't been discussed at any of the previous meetings and why the pickup sat so long if they knew the fire department needed one. Jim explained that the plan was to trade the pickup in with the one ton for another vehicle. Jim pointed out that they are not transferring this pickup to the fire department they are simply letting them use it and that Chief MacKay is well aware that this vehicle will not be considered added equipment or go on the equipment replacement schedule. Patrick noted that he doesn't have a problem with the fire department having it; he has a complaint about the process in which they received it.

Robert McAfee/Cox Farm Road:

Robert asked the Board to consider taking over the maintenance of the Class 6 portion of Cox Farm Road.

Robert pointed out the following reasons he feels this would pay for itself:

- Land value – the land on a Class 6 road received a 40% tax reduction. If you added that reduction back in, the town would receive additional tax dollars. Robert pointed out that there are 5 other properties on his section of road and he feels there is roughly \$2000.00 in additional revenue.
- It would increase miles of Class 5 roads by 14% which would then increase the Highway Block Grant 9%.

Robert hopes that by pointing out the increase in tax revenue and Highway Block Grant, the Board will consider maintaining the road to allow balance to the town and guaranteed access for emergency equipment.

The Board informed Robert that they will look into the information he provided and give Cox Farm Road a fair review.

Minutes of the January 14, 2014 Meeting:

Jim motioned to accept the minutes of the January 14, 2014 Selectmen's Meeting. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

New Business:

Signed Checks.

Joel mentioned that he acquired some information about municipal bonding. Joel suggested that the Board look into a town wide bond, in the upcoming year, for the stone wall and infrastructure. Joel doesn't feel a capital reserve account is going to be sufficient.

Gil motioned to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 8:15 p.m. Jim seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

March 4, 2014

R. G. Rand
Joel B.
Jim Rand