Town of Woodstock Selectmen's Meeting Tuesday, December 2, 2014

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

Staff: Judy Welch, Steve Welch

Public: Rex Caulder, Fred Englert, John MacKay

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

Public Participation:

Rex Caulder/Caulder Construction:

Rex questioned who oversees the transfer station and the personnel. Joel informed Rex that the Town Manager in Lincoln oversees all personnel. Rex informed the Board that he started there and was referred to the Woodstock Board of Selectmen.

Rex is the contractor working for Dennis Ducharme at the Riverwalk Development in Lincoln. Rex was instructed by Dennis to burn an old pile of brush which was approved by the Fire Chief in Lincoln prior to burning. The Town Manager in Lincoln received complaints from three residents concerning the burn pile. They were not happy that due to the complaints from Dennis Ducharme the transfer station has to chip all its brush and can only burn twice a year and questioned why he can burn at his convenience. Rex also pointed out that Dennis has time lapse cameras on the worksite that show Paul Beaudin pulling in anytime he wants and taking notes. Three of these times were during working hours.

Joel explained that this is a conflict of interest for him because he works for Dennis Ducharme and explained to Rex that our Board no longer has authority over the transfer station so he would have to refer him back to the Town Manager in Lincoln. Joel will follow up with Butch to let him know that the Woodstock Board of Selectmen are in favor of him speaking to Paul Beaudin about being at the jobsite during working hours.

Rex questioned Gil about comments he made during a Planning Board meeting that concerned Caulder Construction and the Gagnon property in Grandview and Terry Whipple's property on Daniel Webster Highway. Rex informed Gil that none of it was true and he needed to correct and retract those statements in the next planning board meeting and make sure it gets reflected in the minutes.

Fire Department/Gift Instrument /Fred Englert:

Fred Englert discussed establishing an account with the town in which the firefighters could donate money from fundraising events. This account would be in custody of the trustees of trust funds who would pay out from the fund upon instructions from the firefighters. Fred stated that the firefighters reviewed the policy and procedures that the town's counsel and attorney general's office provided and pending answers to a few more questions, the majority of the firefighters are in favor of this provided the Board approves it.

The Board tabled this discussion until Fred gathered the answers needed to his questions and asked Judy to have town counsel draft a policy and procedures for this gift instrument for their review.

Minutes of the October 28, 2014 Meeting:

Jim motioned to accept the minutes of the October 28, 2014 Selectmen's Meeting. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Application/Cascade Park/Lindsay Karsten:

The Board reviewed an application from Lindsay Karsten to use Cascade Park on June 6, 2015 for a wedding ceremony. Joel motioned to approve this application. Jim seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Budgets:

The Board reviewed budgets for police, emergency management, fire, ambulance, highway, water, sewer, cemetery, and parks. Jim motioned to approved budgets as presented. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Encumbrances:

<u>4319.10-390 Highway Block Grant:</u> Jim motioned to encumber \$68,232.52 from Highway Block Grant. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

<u>4152.10-300 Revaluation of Property:</u> Jim motioned to encumber \$38,200 from Revaluation of Property. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Old Business:

New Business:

Signed Checks.

John would like to get rid of the 1948 fire truck. He said it just sits at the lower fire station and take up space. John said this truck is only used for parades and fire truck rides at fundraisers. He feels it is a huge liability. The board informed John that with a majority vote from the fire department the fire truck could be put out to bid.

The Board reviewed the timeline provided by the Department of Revenue for traditional town meetings as well as correspondence from North Country Council Transportation Advisory Committee and an invitation to the Lincoln Woodstock Chamber of Commerce holiday party.

Gil motioned to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 8:42 p.m. Jim seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

December 16, 2014

P.G. Rand