

**Town of Woodstock  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Tuesday, December 16, 2014**

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

**Staff:** Judy Welch, Steve Welch, Wendy Pelletier

**Public:** Ruth Ballmer, Judy Boyle, Paula Houde

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

**Public Participation:**

**Joel Bourassa/Candidacy:**

Joel announced that he will be running for reelection in March of 2015.

**Ruth Ballmer/Woodstock Winter Fest:**

Ruth announced that she would no longer be the organizer of the Woodstock Winter Fest. She originated the winter fest 6 years ago and noted that it pretty much runs itself now. Ruth wants to firm up the details for next year and make sure the tradition continues.

The Board was sorry to hear this but expressed their gratitude to Ruth on behalf of the Town of Woodstock and thanked her for the tremendous job she has done.

**Library Trustee/Paula Houde:**

Judy Boyle reported that Deborah Showalter has moved to Maine and has resigned as Library Trustee. Judy Boyle, Library Trustee, and Wendy Pelletier, Librarian have suggested that they fill the position with Paula Houde. The Board reviewed a letter of recommendation for Paula from Jackie Champy, Library Trustee. Jim motioned to appoint Paula Houde as Library Trustee based on the recommendations of the remaining trustees and the librarian. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

**Fire Department/Gift Instrument /Fred Englert:**

Judy informed the Board that she received an email from Fred Englert on December 10, 2014 informing her that the firefighters have decided to move forward with the gift instrument. Judy has asked the attorney general and town counsel to draft the necessary paperwork for the Selectmen to review.

**Transfer Station/Mall:**

The Town of Lincoln has been approached with the idea of adding a "mall" like the Town of Thornton has at the transfer station and has asked for the opinion of the Woodstock Board of Selectmen. Joel said he spoke briefly with the town manager who expressed his concerns about liability and staffing. Due to the liability and cost effectiveness our Board does not feel that we should move forward with the "mall" idea.

**Information Request/RSA 91-A/Gagnon:**

Judy notified the Board that she has received an information request, under RSA 91-A, from George Spanos regarding the town's action in granting or approving a waiver of the town's setback ordinance relative to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gagnon's property and the placement of the Gagnon's retaining wall.

**Minutes of the December 2, 2014 Meeting:**

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

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

Gil motioned to accept the minutes of the December 2, 2014 Selectmen's Workshop. Jim seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

**Budgets:**

The Board reviewed budgets for executive, legal, personnel administration, town buildings, insurance, advertising, contingency, other public safety, street lights, health & welfare administration, patriotic purposes, economic development, principal, interest, debt, capital outlay, and capital reserves. Joel motioned to approve budgets as presented. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

**Encumbrances:**

**4902.10-837 Capital Outlay/Fire Dept/Repeater & Mobile Radios:** Jim motioned to encumber \$8500.00 from Capital Outlay for the fire department for a repeater & mobile radio pending finalization of a grant. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

**4150-10-250 Town Office Expense:** Due to the new website and the new tax billing software not being ready before the end of the year Joel motioned to encumber \$11,400.00 from the Town Office Expense. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

**Old Business:**

The Board held discussion concerning the engineer proposals for the replacement of the main waterlines, water meters, and bonding. No decision was made and discussion was tabled.

**New Business:**

Signed Checks.

The Board reviewed the schedule for the 2015 Selectmen's Meetings.

Gil motioned to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 8:52 p.m. Jim seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

January 6, 2015

Joel B.  
J. B. B.  
R. G. Rand