# Town of Woodstock Selectmen's Meeting Tuesday, September 22, 2015

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

Staff: Judy Welch, Steve Welch, Jason Kelley, Doug Moorhead

Public: Fred Englert, Melissa Sabourn

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

#### **Public Participation:**

#### **Firefighter Fund Donations:**

Fred Englert, President of the Woodstock Firemen's Association, and Melissa Sabourn, Treasurer of the Woodstock Firemen's Association presented the Board with a gift of \$9500.00 to be deposited into the Woodstock Firefighter Fund. Joel motioned to accept the gift of \$9500 and requested that the Trustees of Trust Funds deposit the money into the Woodstock Firefighter Fund. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

### Minutes of the September 8, 2015 Meeting:

Joel motioned to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2015 Selectmen's Meeting. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

# **Contract for Water Distribution/Pennichuck:**

The Board reviewed the current contract for water distribution with Pennichuck. The current agreement ends in December of 2015. If no action is taken by the end of this month the contract will automatically renew for 3 years with a 2.5% annual increase. Gil motioned to allow the contract to automatically renew for 3 years with the 2.5% annual increase. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

#### Letter/ Bob Copenhaver/Deer Park/Backflow Device:

The Board reviewed a letter from Bob Copenhaver expressing his confusion with the letter he received from the Board dated July 16, 2015 denying a waiver. Bob informed the Board that he wasn't requesting a waiver because he felt he was in compliance with both a backflow preventer on the inlet water supply to the furnace and a sprinkler at the same location.

Jason explained that the backflow device on their boiler is a watt 9D. This device is a non-testable backflow device. Jason informed the Board that all condominiums with boiler systems are required to have an RPZ backflow device, per the town's water rules and regulations, due to the capability of antifreeze being added at any given time. Jason also pointed out that Mr. Copenhaver has antifreeze in his boiler which means he would be required to have an RPZ backflow (Reduced Pressure Zone) installed regardless.

The Board asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Copenhaver explaining why his current device is unacceptable and why he is being required to install a different device.

#### Field Report/Horizons Engineering/Lost River Waterline Replacement Project

The Board reviewed a field report for the Lost River Waterline Replacement Project, prepared by Stephen LaFrance, from Horizons Engineering. No action taken.

#### Review & Approve/Sealed Bid/Cruiser

The Board reviewed and approved the public notice for sealed bids on the 2011 Ford Crown Victory.

## Warrant Article Request/NH Community Rights Network:

The Board reviewed a warrant article request from the NH Community Rights Network. Joel motioned to table discussion to research the organization and determine if this is an activist group. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

#### Workshop/Alexis/NHDES/Woodstock Inn Brewery Permit:

The Board asked that a workshop be set up with Alexis, from NHDES, to begin the permitting process for the Woodstock Inn Brewery.

# Workshop/Granite State Rural Water/Water & Sewer Study:

After they complete the permitting process for the Woodstock Inn Brewery the Board will scheduled a workshop with Scott Clang, from Granite State Rural Water, to revisit a list of items that need to be addressed before he can move forward with the water and sewer rate study.

#### **Old Business:**

## **New Business:**

Signed Checks.

Joel questioned why the Town was issuing a check to John Latassa. Steve explained that John was having a drainage problem and had asked Steve to throw some stone at the end of his driveway. Steve said he would but it wouldn't fix the problem. Steve worked out a deal with GMI to install and pave a swale at the end of the driveway on John's behalf and agreed to have the town pay half.

Jim reviewed the balance of the sewer fund budget with the Board. He informed the Board that there was only 6.10% remaining with three months left in budget cycle. Joel asked Judy to call the Department of Revenue and the town auditors to see what the town has for options.

Jim informed the Board that the septic system at the lower fire house has failed and Steve is in the process of having a new design drawn up and approved.

Jason informed the Board that he received a called from Wade Pelham from DES. Wade would like the town to have all backflow device installations completed by the end of the year.

Gil motioned to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 7:22 p.m. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

October 6, 2015