

**Town of Woodstock
Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, July 23, 2019**

Selectmen: Joel Bourassa, Gil Rand, Scott Rice

Staff: Judy Welch, Ryan Oleson

Public: Mike Donahue, Patrick Griffin, Bill Waterhouse, Bob Stahler, Donna Wyre, John MacKay

Gil called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

Public Participation:

Patrick Griffin questioned why Woodstock wasn't informed about the new recycling rules at the Transfer Station. Patrick questioned what else is being done without our knowledge.

Mike Donahue asked the Board if they had any idea what the new housing development would be paying for taxes and if there was a mechanism in place for peer review. Mike feels this is going to be a huge impact on the town's infrastructure and that a peer review should be done at their cost. Mike does not believe this should be up to the townspeople.

The Board noted that the taxation is governed by an RSA and they are unsure exactly how it is going to work but believes the development will pay 80% of their assessed value or be entered into a PILT with the Town. The Board will look into to all the logistics and contact surrounding Towns with these types of developments to see if they will share a copy of their PILT. The Board said there is no mechanism in place for peer review on a development like this. Currently peer review falls under the Planning Board for subdivisions. They agreed that this needs to be revisited by both the Select Board and the Planning Board.

Donna Wyre questioned if NHDOT had approved a driveway permit for the new housing development and if a traffic study had been done. She questioned if they took into consideration the traffic from the Ice Castles. The Board has not been notified of any driveway permits or traffic studies.

John MacKay asked if the building inspector had resigned and if the Board planned to advertise the position. The Board confirmed that they accepted the building inspector's resignation effective July 31, 2019 and that the position is going to be redefined and brought to Town Meeting and then advertised.

Minutes of the July 9, 2019 Meeting:

Joel motioned to accept the minutes of the July 9, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting. Scott seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative. Gil abstained.

Waiver/Leombruno/53 Courtney Road/Retaining Wall:

The Leombruno's have decided to build a retaining wall in the front of the house that will mirror the wall they created in the back of their house last fall. In addition to the new retaining wall in the front they would like to wrap the wall around and up Courtney Road to the fire hydrant. This section of the wall would fall within the 15-foot setback. In order to complete this section of the project the Leombruno's are requesting a waiver to wrap the retaining wall within 10-feet of Courtney Road.

Joel motioned to approve the waiver with the condition that the wall is a safe distance from the fire hydrant and Leombruno's agree to hold the town harmless for any damages resulting to the retaining wall during routine highway maintenance and the landowner assumes all liability, damages or harm that is caused to roadway, shoulder, or traveling public either during construction of the wall or afterwards. The landowner will be solely liable and shall indemnify the town. Scott seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Woodstock Firefighter Fund/Donation:

The Woodstock Fire Department presented the Board with gifts totaling \$448.00, on behalf of the Woodstock Firefighters, to be deposited in the previously established Woodstock Firefighter Fund. Scott motioned to accept the gifts totaling \$448.00 from the Woodstock Firefighters and requested that the Trustees of Trust Funds deposit it into the Woodstock Firefighter Fund. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Old Business:

Main Street/Handicap Parking:

Mike checked with NHDOT about adding handicap accessible parking spots on Main Street. They informed Mike that if accessible parking spaces at facilities located on sites (as opposed to those located along public streets) are parallel, they must fully comply with all applicable requirements, including those for access aisles and for van spaces. NHDOT does not think that there is enough room to comply and would not recommend them. Mike shared the documentation provided by the NHDOT with the Board. The Board agreed with NHDOT and Joel asked Mike to add two handicap accessible parking spots in the Municipal Parking Lot.

Bids/8 Foot Fisher Plow:

The Board did not receive any bids for the 8-foot Fisher Plow. The Board will put it out with a "for sale" sign if there is no response, they will take it to the State auction.

New Business:

Solid Waste/Sewer Lagoon:

The Board read the following email from the Lincoln Town Manager aloud:

"Good Morning:

So much for vacation! I am in the office today for a couple of reasons. The most pressing is the odors from the sewer lagoons. The loading at the lagoons has reached a critical stage, primarily due to the heat/humidity and increased flows. For the last week Nate and his staff have been changing out aerators, increasing the size of at least two of the units from 15 horsepower units to 25 HP. This pretty much exhausts our capabilities at this time. I have authorized the Solid Waste facility to close early due to the intense odors, out of concern for their health. I am going to have this as an agenda item for next Monday's meeting. I will also have what I feel are next steps in this ever increasing "downtown" issue. I want to emphasize that we are doing the best we can with the technology provided. We have received numerous complaints, some in writing, about the problem.

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The Board received a formal complaint from Kara Sellingham along with several others. Kara feels that the Town of Lincoln is not doing what they need to do to rectify their problem with the sewer lagoon and now it's having a direct impact on Woodstock's residents. The Transfer Station was closed without notice therefore causing a huge inconvenience. The Board recognized the inconvenience this caused and will make sure they bring this to the Town of Lincoln's attention.

Tax Collector/Change of Office Hours:

Melissa has accepted a full-time position at Lin-Wood Public School. Melissa would like to continue with her position as Tax Collector but would have to change her hours to Tuesday and Thursday 3:00pm-6:30pm effective August 26, 2019. Melissa will do additional hours as needed. Gil motioned to approve the new office hours. Scott seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Other Business:

The Board is in receipt of letters from Governor Sununu and the General Court concerning the State Budget. The Board is in receipt of a letter from NHDOT about replacing the deficient guardrails along NH Route 112. They ask that the Board notify them with any concerns relative to the project's potential impact on the environment, social, economic, or cultural resources, such as wetlands, historical properties, and invasive plant species.

The Board discussed the Supreme Court decision regarding the Northern Pass Project.

Scott motioned to cancel the August 6th Selectmen's Meeting for National Night Out. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

MOTION:

At 6:29 PM a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting and enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 (a)(b)(c).

Roll Call: Chairman, Joel Bourassa, Yes, Scott Rice, Yes, Gil Rand, Yes, Executive Assistant, Judy Welch. Police Chief, Ryan Oleson.

At 7:20 p.m. the Board came out of non-public session. Joel motioned to adjourn the non-public session. Scott seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

VOTED 3-0

The Board appointed new part-time patrol officer Ryan Bruce Gilcoine.

Check Request/Woodstock Firefighter Fund:

Scott motioned to approve the check request for \$200.00, payable to Stephanie Oleson, a donation for K9 medical alert training for Stephanie's Mast Cell Activation Syndrome. This money is to be withdrawn from the Woodstock Firefighter Capital Reserve Fund. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Joel motioned to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 7:25 p.m. Scott seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

August 20, 2019

R. G. Rand
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