

**Wednesday, February 20th 2013**

Lincoln Woodstock Joint District Board – Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 19, 2013

Board Members Present: Jim Fadden, Gil Rand, Joel Bourassa, Tammy Ham, Pat McTeague, OJ Robinson

Staff: Judy Welch, Steve Welch, Butch Burbank (Lincoln Town Manager)

Public: Bill Willey, Patrick Griffin, Jim Young, Susan Young, Judy McGann, Debbie O'Connor, Paul Beaudin, Mark LaClair, Alyssa Yolda, Jonathan Ham, Bonnie Ham,

Jim called the Joint District Board Meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

The Joint Board of Selectmen came together to discuss an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lin-Wood Cooperative School District for the use of the school property by the towns in exchange for the towns' plowing of the school lots and to discuss the Fourth of July parade.

**Intergovernmental Agreement:**

The Boards discussed establishing an agreement or alternative solution to the plowing of the school lots.

Both Boards recognized that there are a few logistics that need to be worked out. They asked that the school district meet with the head of both Public Works Departments to work them out. They also asked that the school district be responsible for drafting the agreement.

Joel motioned for the towns of Woodstock and Lincoln to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lincoln Woodstock Cooperative School District. OJ seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

**Fourth of July Parade:**

Mark LaClair, Executive Director of the Lincoln Woodstock Chamber of Commerce, addressed some issues and concerns he has with the Fourth of July Parade. The Chamber has sponsored the Fourth of July Parade for many years and pulls all the permits from the towns and state. Mark LaClair explained that the once the Chamber pulls the permits they sign on for all the liability of the parade and have no way to regulate the rules. Mark stated that the parade runs itself and requires very little management. Mark feels like it is time for the towns to work together on the parade and accept the liability.

The Select Boards agreed to pull the necessary permits and take on the liability for the parade provided that the Chamber would still host the parade. Tammy and Joel will work jointly with the Chamber to promote and improve the parade.

**Other Business:**

After agreeing not to discuss at this meeting and without proper notification OJ brought up the possibility of a study to adjoin the two fire departments under other business.

Gil stated that after conferring with Woodstock's Fire Chief, members of the department, and the general public they believe that the mutual aid we have been providing for the last 40 years is sufficient and that there is no need to join the two departments.

Joel noted that he would be open to a study. He would like to see if it makes business sense, equipment sense, and if it would improve public safety. Joel stated that if the study reflected a positive impact he would consider bringing in front of the fire department and towns people for vote.

Jim explained that Woodstock will be electing a new fire chief in March. He asked that this be tabled until after Town Meeting.

Tammy motioned to adjourn the Joint District Meeting at 6:26 PM. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.