Town of Woodstock Selectmen's Meeting Tuesday, March 5, 2013

Selectmen: Jim Fadden Jr., Joel Bourassa, Gil Rand Staff: Judy Welch, Steve Welch Public: Lisa Clark, James Fadden, Patrick Griffin, Jason Kelley, John MacKay, Tom Sabourn

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

Public Participation:

George Spanos/Set Back Waiver/Daniel Webster Hwy:

George questioned the setbacks off from Daniel Webster Highway. He explained that he would like to put an addition on the Spray Foam Building. The Board explained that it was a state highway and they would have to look into setbacks and follow up with him.

George has bought the property just south of the Spray Foam Shop. The old Route 3 runs in front of the house located on this piece of property. George requested that the Board look into what his options are concerning this section of road.

Letter/Interest Abatement/Esther Figueiras:

The Board received a letter from Esther Figueiras requesting an abatement for interest. Esther explained that when she purchased her property in June 2012 she did not use an attorney and did not realize it was her responsibility to contact the tax office to see if there were any taxes owed before the closing. She asked that the Board abate the interest that accrued from back taxes. Joel motioned to deny the abatement for interest. He explained that it is the buyers and sellers responsibility to notify the town when a property transfers. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Performance Contract/250th/Uncle Steve Band:

The Board reviewed and signed a performance contract with the Uncle Steve Band. The band will play on July 13, 2013 for the 250th Anniversary Celebration.

Memo/Town Building Maintenance:

In order to get a handle on the Town Building Expense Budget the Board signed a memo, that will be distributed to all department heads, that states that all town building maintenance and expense are to be preauthorized by Steve Welch or the Board of Selectmen. If there is not a preauthorization the expense will not be charged to the Town Building Expense Account it will be charged directly to the operating account of that department.

NHSLC Letters/Woodstock Inn:

The Board signed a letter that approves the liquor license inclusion of the Woodstock Inn Brewery's existing outdoor patio, new function room, and deck area with the occupancies approved by the fire department.

The Board also signed a letter approving a temporary extension of the Woodstock Inn Brewery's restaurant license to the attached brewery for occupancy of 25 guests. This extension is valid from 6pm-11pm on April 6, April 13, and May 4, 2013.

Application/Cascade Park/Sean Quinn:

The Board reviewed and application, from Sean Quinn, to use Cascade Park on July 27, 2013 for a wedding ceremony. Jim motioned to approve this application. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Minutes of the February 19, 2013 Meeting:

Gil motioned to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2013 Selectmen's Meeting. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative

Minutes of the February 19, 2013 Joint Select Board Meeting:

Joel motioned to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2013 Joint Select Board Meeting. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative

Email/Tax Collector/Security:

The Board reviewed an email from Melissa expressing her concern about the location of her office and the fact that it only has one exit. Melissa asked the Board to consider moving her office across the hall with the Town Clerk. Melissa recommended using her office for storage of files or switching her office with the Selectmen's Office.

Judy explained that her office space is limited and there is also the confidentiality issue. She further explained that they are in the files multiple times a day and it doesn't make much sense to move them across the hall. Judy did not see the logic and switching the Tax Collector Office with the Selectmen's Office because she would have no direct contact with the public. Judy stated that she didn't have a solution to this problem other than remodeling. The Board agreed to take Melissa request under consideration.

Old Business:

New Business:

The Town Offices will be closed on Tuesday, March 12th for Town Elections.

Joel attended an informational meeting, hosted by the Town of Lincoln, regarding an article on their warrant allowing the operation of video lottery machines at a destination casino located within the Town of Lincoln.

Signed Checks.

Joel motioned to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting 7:10 p.m. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.