

**Town of Woodstock  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Tuesday, November 29, 2016**

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

**Staff:** Judy Welch, Mike Welch

**Public:** Patrick Griffin, Steven Whitley

Gil called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Jim seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

**Public Participation:**

**Patrick Griffin/Air Tanks:**

Patrick learned of a grant that the fire department could apply for that would help assist in the purchase of the air tanks that are scheduled to be replaced in 2020. Patrick mentioned that his wife Bonnie works at the Plymouth Fire Department and has applied for this grant in the past. Patrick has spoken with Bonnie and she would be happy to assist the fire department with the application process.

**Steven Whitley/Mitchell Municipal/Northern Pass:**

The Board asked Steven, town's legal counsel, to attend the meeting to talk a little bit about the town's representation in Northern Pass. They expressed their concern pertaining to the legal expense and questioned whether it was in the best interest of the Town to continue with representation.

Steven explained that when towns first signed up for representation in the fight against Northern Pass no one anticipated how large a project this would be. He stated that this is an enormous project, with tons of documentation, which is going to take time for the State to render a decision. Steven explained the different stages in the representation process, how the town legal funds have been expended thus far, and the legal expense he anticipates for the future.

**Minutes of the November 15, 2016 Meeting:**

Joel motioned to accept the minutes of the November 15, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting. Jim seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative. Gil abstained.

**Dartmouth College/Ravine Lodge/PILT:**

The Board reviewed a letter and a proposed Payment In Lieu of Taxes Agreement for the Ravine Lodge, prepared by McLane Middleton, on behalf of the Trustees of Dartmouth College. The Board tabled discussion and asked Judy to forward all documentation to legal counsel and the town assessor for review.

**Check Request/Woodstock Firefighter Fund:**

Joel motioned to approve the check requests for \$137.49 payable to Melissa Sabourn, for Hart and Bourassa flowers and for \$202.16 payable to Anne Englert, for wreath fundraiser supplies. This money is to be withdrawn from the Woodstock Firefighter Capital Reserve Fund. Jim seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

**Petitioned Warrant Article:**

The Board reviewed a petitioned warrant article, submitted on November 29<sup>th</sup> signed by 25 registered voters, pertaining to an ordinance regarding the penning of chickens, guinea hens, and other fowl.

**Budgets:**

The Board reviewed and discussed appropriations for capital reserves and capital outlays. Jim motioned to

approve the capital reserves and capital outlays as presented. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

In light of the information provided by town counsel, Joel would like to be ready to continue with legal representation pertaining to Northern Pass. Joel motioned to increase the legal budget to \$35,000. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

The Board received preliminary budgets to review, from the Town of Lincoln, for the joint departments.

**Old Business:**

**Bid Process/Excess or Old Equipment:**

Joel motioned to dispose of any surplus equipment and vehicles in a manner that is in the best interest of the town to include trade, auction, and private sale. Jim seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative. This replaces the decision made in the Selectmen's Meeting of May 28, 2013.

**Selectmen Email Accounts:**

The Board reviewed documentation pertaining to individual email accounts for the Selectmen. No action taken.

**Building Permit Process:**

No action taken.

**New Business:**

Signed checks

Jim motioned to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 8:48 p.m. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

December 13, 2016

R. G. Rand  
Jim B.  
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