Town of Woodstock Selectmen's Meeting Tuesday, November 28, 2017

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

Staff: Judy Welch, Michael Welch, Ryan Oleson, James Hamel

Public: Patrick Griffin, Rex Caulder, John MacKay

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

Public Participation:

Rex Caulder/Water & Sewer Tap Fees/Maple Haven Campground:

Rex questioned how the water and sewer tap fees are determined for a campground. The Board will look into this and have an answer for Rex by the next meeting if not before.

John MacKay/Woodstock Family Playground:

John questioned what was happening with the Woodstock Family Playground. The Board explained that it was flooded during the October storm and will probably be closed until Spring. They informed John that the damages have been submitted to the town's insurance company and FEMA and they are waiting on site visits.

Minutes of the November 14, 2017 Meeting:

Jim motioned to accept the minutes of the November 14, 2017 Selectmen's Meeting. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative. Gil abstained.

Ryan Oleson/Cruisers:

Ryan would like the Board to consider keeping the white cruiser, that is up for rotation in 2018, instead of trading it in or putting it out for public auction. He noted that the cruiser is still in decent shape and would act as a spare vehicle for when one of the others is in the shop for repairs. Ryan noted that he did not plan to add this to the rotation schedule and if the maintenance and upkeep became too high he would dispose of it. Gil motioned to allow the Police Department to temporarily keep the white cruiser until the maintenance and upkeep cost become too high. Jim seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Budgets:

The Board reviewed budgets and equipment replacement schedules for Cemetery, Highway, Sewer, Water, and Parks.

Jim motioned to approve budgets as presented for Cemetery, Highway, Sewer, Water, and Parks. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Woodstock Firefighter Fund/Donation:

The Woodstock Fire Department presented the Board with a gift of \$570.00 from the Woodstock Inn, and a gift of \$500.00 from the Society for the Protection of NH Forest on behalf of the Woodstock Firefighters, to be deposited in the previously established Woodstock Firefighter Fund. Gil motioned to accept the two gifts totaling \$1070.00 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.

Check Request/Woodstock Firefighter Fund:

Gil motioned to approve the check request for \$240.50 payable to Anne Englert, for decorations for the wreath fundraiser. This money is to be withdrawn from the Woodstock Firefighter Capital Reserve Fund. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Application/Cascade Park/Janelle Hardiman:

The Board reviewed an application from Janelle Hardiman to use Cascade Park on May 19, 2018 for a wedding ceremony. The required fee and insurance coverage has been received. Gil motioned to approve the application. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Old Business:

Infrastructure Improvements/Old Fire House:

The scope of work for the Old Fire House was discussed. It was agreed to focus on safety and structural work first. An RFP will be prepared for work on the lower deck, stairs, and upper deck.

Letter/NHDOT/Flying Yankee:

The Board reviewed a copy of the letter sent to Steven Connolly from Victoria Sheehan, NHDOT Commissioner, in response to his inquiries relating to the Flying Yankee. No action taken.

New/Other Business:

Joel gave a brief summary of the November 27th Joint Meeting with the Town of Lincoln. Joel noted that he and Gil went to the meeting expecting to only talk about added hours at the Transfer Station but were presented with large capital projects pertaining to the Community Center and Transfer Station. Joel said they explained to the Town of Lincoln that Woodstock is not in a position to be taking out notes or bonds and would need advanced noticed to properly prepare and plan for such items. Gil pointed out that the Transfer Station will be open all day on Thursdays beginning December 21, 2017.

The Board recognized Jason Kelley's resignation. Jim motioned to move Ed Wiggett to full-time and advertise for another full-time position in the spring. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

The Board reviewed and discussed a news release, put out by Eversource, announcing the U.S. Department of Energy approval of the Presidential Permit for Northern Pass.

Joel motioned to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 8:52 p.m. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

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Z. G. Rand