

**Town of Woodstock
Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2021
Using ZOOM**

Selectmen: R. Gil Rand, Charyl Reardon, Scott Rice

Staff: Judy Welch

Public: Bill Mellett, Barbara Avery, Betsy Scrafford, Bill Waterhouse, Mike Donahue, Kelly and Dan Trinkle, Melissa Sabourn, Wendy Pelletier

Scott called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes of the January 26, 2021 Meeting:

Gil motioned to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2021 Selectmen's Meeting and sign them at the office. Charyl seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Minutes of the January 29, 2021 Workshop:

Charyl motioned to accept the minutes of the January 29, 2021 Selectmen's Workshop and sign them at the office. Gil seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Minutes of the February 5, 2021 Workshop:

Gil motioned to accept the minutes of the February 5, 2021 Selectmen's Workshop and sign them at the office. Charyl seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

United States EPA/Woodstock's Wastewater Treatment Facility:

Scott read the following letter aloud and commended Kathy from Welch's Water & Wastewater Services along with the Public Works Department for a job well done!



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY
Region 1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
BOSTON, MA 02108-2912

January 26, 2021

Board of Selectmen
Town of Woodstock
P.O. Box 166
Woodstock, NH 03252

Dear Board of Selectmen:

On behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) New England Office, I am pleased to announce that the Woodstock Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility) has been selected as a 2020 Regional EPA Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Excellence Award recipient. The Facility was nominated by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) to acknowledge the outstanding work that has been performed over the years by Kathy Welch, Chief Operator and her staff. I invite you to join us in congratulating Ms. Welch for her accomplishments. The award and acknowledgement from the NH DES and EPA are extremely well deserved.

Historically, EPA has invited all award winners to attend the annual New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA) Awards Luncheon in Boston, MA. At that event, EPA would have formally acknowledged the Facility as one of the 2020 Regional EPA Operation and Maintenance Program Excellence Award recipients. However, since the annual conference is being held remotely this year due to the pandemic, this event will not happen. In lieu of the in-person awards luncheon, EPA offers to present the award to you on a virtual platform, perhaps as part of a regularly scheduled town meeting or a similar event. EPA and NEWEA will plan to promote award recognition during the first week of the conference at the end of the month. Materials, including press releases and templates for social media posts, will be sent to you for your own use and promotion of their award later this month. EPA will provide its own press release and forward that to you when it becomes available.

Information regarding the NEWEA Conference and any social media postings can be found at newea.org. Please contact me at (617) 918-1531 or jennifer.jordan@epa.gov should you have any additional questions.

Once again, EPA would like to congratulate the Woodstock Wastewater Treatment Facility on being selected as a 2020 Regional EPA Operation and Maintenance Program Excellence Award recipient.

Sincerely,

Joseph Pirog
Regional Permitting Coordinator
Municipal Assistance Unit

cc: Karen Welch, Town of Woodstock
Mike Welch, Town of Woodstock
Ken Kanter, NH DES
Tracy Wood, NH DES
John Aulis, NH DES
Richard Embrey, NH DES
Mark Spinko, EPA
Jason Turgeon, EPA

Conservation Commission/Merriam Woods:

The Board reviewed annual communication from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, that was forwarded by the Conservation Commission, pertaining to a town owned property in which the Forest Society holds a Shifting Executory Interest (known as Merriam Woods). The intention of this letter is to remind the

Town of the restriction on the Merriam Woods lot on Tripoli Road (Map 216 Lot 001) and to include the Forest Society at any time when considering any uses that are referenced in the deed.

Work Session:

Scott reviewed what was worked on during the January 29th and February 5th work sessions. Minutes will be available online.

Old/Other Business:

Charyl noted that she has created a YouTube account and has begun recording meetings. The link will be posted to our website so that people who are unable attend the meetings will be have the capability of watching them at another time.

Application/Cascade Park/Arsenault:

The Board reviewed an application from Amy Arsenault to use Cascade Park on September 10, 2022 for a wedding ceremony. The required fee and insurance coverage have been received. Gil motioned to approve the application. Charyl seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Public Participation:

Mike Donahue thanked Charyl for her efforts to make the meetings accessible by YouTube and pointed out that it will be a great reference for people who are unable to attend the meeting.

Bill Waterhouse thanked the Board for the research on the properties he had questions on.

Bill Waterhouse questioned if there were other Town owned properties, other than the parks, being used by the public for financial gain or pleasure that may come before the Board. The Board is not aware of any at this time.

The public was able to participate remotely over Zoom by going to www.zoom.us, using the Zoom App on a cellphone, or on a **landline calling 1-646-558-8656 Password: 003948** and entering **Meeting ID: 935 0216 8673 Password: 003948**. If the public were unable to access the meeting, they were asked to call 603-348-8752 for assistance.

Gil motioned to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 5:18 p.m. Charyl seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

March 23, 2021


