

# Selectmen's Meeting Tuesday, November 29, 2022 5:00 pm

**Board:** R. Gil Rand, Charyl Reardon, Scott Rice **Staff:** Judy Welch, Cathy Riley (Zoom), Kevin Millar

In-Person Public: Joe Weiler, Mark Sellingham, Robert Stahler, Bill Waterhouse, Rex & Cheri

Caulder, Casey Caulder

Zoom Public: Kyle Standifird

#### Call to Order

Charyl Called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

## Approve & Sign Minutes/October 18, 2022

Gil motioned to approve the minutes from October 18, 2022. Charyl seconded the motion, Scott abstained, and the vote was affirmative.

### Approve & Sign Minutes/November 15, 2022

Scott motioned to approve the minutes from November 15, 2022. Charyl seconded the motion, Gil abstained, and the vote was affirmative.

### Approve & Sign Minutes/November 22, 2022

Scott motioned to accept and sign the minutes for November 22, 2022. Gil seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

### Email/Igor Bily/Montaup Cabins/Water Usage

Charyl brought up an email from Igor Bily in which he asked for relief from the water base rate at Montaup Cabins because of a significant water leak. In the email, Igor said they had repaired the water leak at Montaup Cabins caused by deteriorated underground water pipes. The water main and service lines to cabins 6 thru 12 were replaced. He was asking for relief from the base rate on the next billing.

Charyl stated that the leak drove them up into a category 5+ rate which is for 50,000 gallons or more. They requested the category 4 rate; Charyl suggested they meet in the middle and go to the Commercial 4.5 rate and revisit this case.

Scott mentioned that he has paid for the water used.

Charyl motioned to set the base rate at the commercial 4.5 and revisit. Gil seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

#### Ice Castles/Water MOU

Charyl recommended that instead of having the MOU expire on June 1, they bump the expiration to October 1. Charyl stated that everything else stayed the same.

Ice castle employee Joe Weiler wanted to confirm that it was being bumped up a little.

Scott stated that the amount did get bumped up to 200 gallons per minute with a maximum of 180,000 gallons per day and noted the Ice Castles must ask permission before they go over that amount.

Gil motioned to approve the Water MOU with Ice Castles, valid until October 1, 2023. Scott seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

### Review & Sign Agreements/Auctioneer/Jay St. Jean:

Scott stated that the auctioneers suggested auctioning off all three properties, the old firehouse, the old town garage, and 9 Lilac Street, at the same time with the agreement that the Town retains the use of the public works garage through June 2023.

Scott stated that the tentative auction date would be January 23, 2023 (or some time at the end of January).

Charyl motioned to revoke the previous contract signed at the last meeting, as the new contract includes all three properties. Gil seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

#### Accept Donations/Woodstock Firefighter Fund

#### Woodstock Firefighters/Woodstock Inn/T-Shirt Sales/\$2,320

The Woodstock Fire Department presented the Board with a gift (4 checks) from the T-Shirt sales totaling \$2320.00, to be deposited in the previously established Woodstock Firefighter Fund. Charyl motioned to accept the gift of \$2320.00 from the Woodstock Firefighters and requested that the Trustees for Trust Funds deposit it into the Woodstock Firefighter fund. Scott seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

### Approve Check Requests/Woodstock Firefighter Fund

#### Lisa MacKay/Halloween Candy/\$165.00

Gil motioned to approve the check request for \$165.00, payable to Lisa MacKay, for Halloween candy. This money is to be withdrawn from the Woodstock Firefighter Capital Reserve Fund. Scott seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

### Anne Englert/Food for I-93 Accident/\$128.68

Scott motioned to approve the check request for \$128.68, payable to Anne Englert, for food for the I-93 accident. This money is to be withdrawn from the Woodstock Firefighter Capital Reserve Fund. Gil seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

### Dylan Russell/Travel & Lost Wages/\$250.00

Gil motioned to approve the check request for \$250.00, payable to Dylan Russell, for travel and loss of wages. This money is to be withdrawn from the Woodstock Firefighter Capital Reserve Fund. Scott seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

#### Paul Steele/Medical Donation/\$250.00

Gil motioned to approve the check request for \$250.00, payable to Paul Steele, for medical donation. This money is to be withdrawn from the Woodstock Firefighter Capital Reserve Fund. Scott seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

#### **Budgets**

All budgets were tabled. They will be revisited at the workshop scheduled for December 5th at 3:00 pm.

### **Public Participation**

Bill Waterhouse brought up Johnson Road and confirmed that the road is classified as a Class 6 road.

Gil replied yes, Class 6 unmaintained.

Mark Sellingham asked if it is possible to impose fees for short-term rentals or Air BnB and questioned if they are subject to the Rooms and Meals Tax.

Judy stated that they are following towns trying to implement that now.

Charyl explained that short-term rentals are subject to the Rooms and Meals tax and noted that the Board has discussed imposing fees and requiring a safety inspection.

Mark questioned the distribution of the Rooms and Meals Tax.

Charyl replied that the formula is set and regulated by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue.

Mark questioned the classification of Tripoli Road.

Mark said that after talking with the forest service, he found out that when I-93 went through, the properties all along Tripoli Road to the gate got re-adjusted by the State. He

was wondering how this was done by the State if it was Federal Land. The Forest Service currently does not want him to plow to his house.

Charyl stated that she and Judy have been working with NHDOT and the Forest Service to sort this out. Charyl noted that if you go to the NHDOT website, it is listed as a Class 7 road.

Mark's last item is that in the Conservation Commission meeting, they were talking about legal fees and the general fund that covers the legal expenses and wondered if the town could keep track of the Merriam Woods project and communicate the results to the townspeople.

### Old/Other Business/Brought forth by the Board

No old or other business was brought forth by the board

#### Adjournment

Scott motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 pm. Gil seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

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Charyl Readon, Chairman

Scott Rice

R. Gil Rand