



**Town of Woodstock
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 19, 2024
5:00 pm**

Board Present: Gil Rand, Scott Rice, Absent: Charyl Reardon

Staff: Judy Welch, Cathy Riley

Public: Bill Waterhouse

Public Zoom: Mike Donahue

Call to Order

Scott called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm

Approve & Sign Minutes/March 5, 2024

Gil motioned to accept the minutes of the March 5, 2024, Selectmen's Meeting. Scott seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

Agenda Items Requested by Residents

Scott noted that Fred Englert had asked to speak on some items, such as the security of the town's water system, sewer rates, and health care insurance, but since Fred was unable to attend this meeting, he had asked to be put on the next meeting's agenda, so it was tabled.

Beaver Pond/ Permission to use trolling motor

Judy explained that a call was received by NHDES, who was deferred to the Town after contacting Fish and Game, Marine Patrol, and the White Mountain National Forest. Judy stated that Maxwell with DES needed to go to Beaver Pond to do some inspection work. Being aware that there was a restriction on propelled motors, Maxwell with NHDES was looking for a waiver to use a trolling motor.

Scott mentioned that it was not really up to the Selectmen. Judy noted that she had sent the request to the Town lawyer, and Laura stated that "Beaver Pond is on the NH State Police list of restricted water bodies located in the White Mountain National Forest, and that is the only indication that the operation of boats or canoes propelled by mechanical power are prohibited." Laura added that Judy could raise the request with the Selectmen, and if they have no objection, they could vote to permit the trolling motor to be used and let her know the results. Laura would then email Maxwell, saying, "While we are not sure what jurisdiction we have over it, we have no objection to the motor being used."

Scott stated that that sounded good since they were using it for the inspections, which were not permanent.

Public attendee Bill Waterhouse wanted to quote RSA 270-29, which states that "it is unlawful to operate a boat or canoe propelled by mechanical power on any stream or body of water in the White Mountain National Forest."

Judy added that the White Mountain National Forest had deferred to the Town of Woodstock, that the email reply was from our lawyer, and that mechanical power includes gas and electric trolling motors. Bill added that it is a citation if you are not a citizen.

Scott stated that he didn't think that it was our purview, and Gil added that it was a water supply, so he couldn't imagine that they would allow gas motors on it.

Judy reminded the Board that they would not be allowing everybody, just the NHDES, to do a study. Again, because we are not sure of the jurisdiction, this would just be to vote if they have "no objection" to the trolling motor being used by the NHDES for the inspection.

Scott made a motion that although they do not have the authority to permit, they have no objection to the permit. Gil seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

North Country Home Health & Hospice/Butterfly Release

Judy explained that this was a fundraising event by North Country Home Health & Hospice and that they have held it in Berlin and Littleton, and now they want to bring the event to the Lincoln-Woodstock Community at Soldiers Park. Judy then went on to explain that the event letter states that "it offers a meaningful way to honor a departed loved one by releasing butterflies" and will be "held rain or shine, followed by music and readings with refreshments to be served, to create a supporting atmosphere for all attendees."

Judy added that the Home Health and Hospice Butterfly Release date would be Sunday, September 15th at 11:00 am.

Scott made a motion to approve the park application and waive the fee for the non-profit. Gill seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

Judy noted that we typically don't allow outside events there, so special approval is needed.

Appoint Tax Collector & Deputy

Scott moved to appoint Cheryl Bourassa, Tax Collector, and receive her oath in the Town Office. Gill Seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

Gill moved to appoint Judy Welch as the Deputy Tax Collector. Scott seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

Appoint Treasurer

Scott moved to appoint Eleanor Harvey as Treasurer and have her take her oath in the Town Office. Gill Seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

Appoint Trustee of Trust Funds

Judy explained that Marci had received the most write-ins and was interested.

Scott made a motion to appoint Marcella Shamberger as Trustee to Trust Funds.

Appoint Floodplain Board of Adjustments

Judy stated that Mark Sellingham received the most write-ins. She has reached out to him, and he will get back to her on whether he is interested. If so, he will stop by the office and receive the oath in the Town Office.

Scott moved to appoint Mark Sellingham to the Floodplain Board of Adjustments. Gil seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

Accept Donations/Woodstock Firefighter Fund

Scott motioned to accept a \$200 donation from Nancy LeClerc to be deposited into the Woodstock Firefighter Fund. Gil seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

Approve Check Requests/Woodstock Firefighter Fund

Scott motioned to approve the check request for \$182.49, payable to Zachary Vigneault, for a T-shirt cabinet. This money is to be withdrawn from the Woodstock Firefighter Capital Reserve Fund. Gil seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.

Other/Old Business brought forth by the Board

None.

After no other business, Judy proceeded to receive her oath from Scott to be appointed Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector.

Public Participation on Agenda Items

While there was no public participation on agenda items, Bill Waterhouse did want to have a conversation about the occupancy of the Town Hall and whether there was a plan B if they went over occupancy.

Judy noted that there had been a discussion about using the Public Works garage.

Adjournment

Scott moved to Adjourn at 5:25 p.m. Gil seconded the motion, and the vote was affirmative.


The board ended by asking Mike Donahue, a Zoom attendee if he had anything to add, to which he replied no.

Judy noted that this meeting had video difficulties because the Select Board computer was being used during the school board elections.

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxMH7OFC8H3KqBhYHsBr53g>

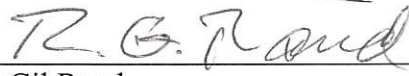


Charyl Reardon, Chairman

April 19, 2024
Date



Scott Rice



R. Gil Rand

