

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman M. Dougherty called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. **Roll Call:**
Michael Dougherty (Present)
David Fortin (Present)
Roy Bradrick, Jr. (Present)
Frederick Chmura (Present)
Michael Bernardi (Present)
Jeffrey Kelleher (Present)
Barry Shead (Alternate) (Present)
Charlene Cutler (Alternate) (Present)
Michele Woz (Alternate) (Present)
Absent: None
Noted for the Record: Quorum
Others Present: First Selectman Jay Swan, Selectman Chandler Paquette, Selectman Greg Kline, Treasurer Karen Fitzpatrick, Megan Bard-Morse, Janice Thurlow, Victor Toth, Kevin Withers, Members of the Public
3. **Seat Alternate if Necessary:** None.
4. **Approve Minutes from March 3, 2020 Regular Meeting:**

Michael Bernardi **Moved** to **Approve** the March 3, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as presented; Frederick Chmura **Seconded**; **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
5. **Public Comment:** None.
6. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Update on State Budget:** There were no updates on this item.
 - B. **Update on Local Bridge Project:** First Selectman Swan mentioned his recent conversation with Representative Pat Boyd, who stated he was cautiously optimistic about local towns and municipalities receiving this funding.
 - C. **Follow-up on BOE Budget Presentation:** None.
7. **New Business:**
 - A. **General Government FY 21 Budget Presentation:** First Selectman Jay Swan presented the proposed FY 20-21 General Government Budget, which totals \$5,490,440 and represents a 2.15% increase or \$115,524 over the FY 19-20 budget. Mr. Swan highlighted overall significant increases and decreases within the budget, some of which included adjusting staff hours in certain departments to provide office coverage during normal business hours, contractual obligations, public safety and highway. Ms. Fitzpatrick clarified that Town Hall hours of operation will not change. Questions from the Board of Finance relating to insurance/benefits and hauling fees were addressed. Chairman Dougherty thanked Mr. Swan for his presentation.

- B. General Government Five-Year Capital Plan Presentation:** Mr. Swan presented the Five-Year Capital Plan—FY 2021-2025. The Plan is intended to anticipate the future needs of the town and serves as a guide when prioritizing future projects.

Discussion followed regarding fire protection equipment, container roofs at the Transfer Station, local bridges, website maintenance, and the Crystal Pond Park Trout Pond dam. To her knowledge, Ms. Fitzpatrick stated the container roof project has not been done, but John Navarro would be able to speak more on this item. Regarding the dam at the trout pond, First Selectman Swan reported that the towns of Woodstock and Eastford would be required to have engineering plans drawn, pre-approved by the DEEP, indicating their course of action for the dam—either repair or removal. This item is ongoing with no course of action determined at this time. Relative to the bridge projects, until confirmation is received relative to the STEEP grant, bridge projects are on hold. The town continues to be in communication with CHA on this item.

Ms. Fitzpatrick noted two pending union negotiations, which could change some of the proposed figures within certain departments. These were footnoted within the proposed budget.

- C. Warn a Public Hearing:** Chairman Dougherty noted the following for the record:

*TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 7, 2020 7:00 P.M.
WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL*

The Board of Finance of the Town of Woodstock will hold a Public Hearing at the Woodstock Town Hall on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with section 7-344 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Itemized estimates of the expenditures of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education will be presented and the Board of Finance will hear all persons who wish to be heard in regards to any appropriation which they are desirous that the Board of Finance shall recommend or reject for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Dated at Woodstock, CT, this 10th day of March, 2020.

*Michael Dougherty, Chairman
Woodstock Board of Finance*

David Fortin **Moved** to place the Warn a Public Hearing into the record; Michael Bernardi **Seconded; Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- 8. Public Comment:** None.
- 9. Other from Board:** None.
- 10. Correspondence & Announcements:** Chairman Dougherty shared the next meeting of the Board of Finance, which is Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at 7 pm, at which time the combination budgets and anticipated revenues will be reviewed. He further noted the public hearing scheduled for April 7, 2020, at 7 pm.
- 11. Adjournment:** Jeffrey Kelleher **Moved to Adjourn;** Michael Bernardi **Seconded; Motion Carried Unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Brown, Recording Secretary. DISCLAIMER: These minutes have not yet been approved by the Board of Finance. Please refer to next month's minutes for approval/amendments.