

Woodstock Board of Selectmen Minutes

Thursday, November 4, 2021

4:00 pm

Woodstock Town Hall Room A

Regular Meeting

1. **Call to order:** First Selectman Jay Swan called meeting to order at 4:00 pm via phone connection.

- a. **Present:** First Selectman Jay Swan(via phone), Selectman Chandler Paquette, Selectman Greg Kline
- b. **Others Present:** Dawn Adiletta, Suzanne Woodward, Recording Secretary Amy Monahan

2. **Approval of Minutes of October 21, 2021 Board of Selectmen Meeting**

- a. Chandler Paquette made a **Motion** to approve the Minutes from of October 21, 2021 Board of Selectmen Meeting as presented. **Motion objected** by Greg Kline as written.
 - i. Selectman Kline wanted item #9 stricken from the record. He feels that political statements are not Board of Selectman issues. It is noted for the record that Selectman Greg Kline objects to item # 9 in the minutes from the October 21, 2021 Board of Selectmen Meeting.
- b. First Selectman Jay Swan noted that because the item in question was publically directed to the Board of Selectmen, he would have to agree that there is merit to leave the item in the minutes. First Selectman Jay Swan casts deciding vote in favor of approving Minutes from the October 21, 2021 Board of Selectmen Meeting as presented. **Motion Passed by Majority.**

3. **Tax Rebates**

- a. Rebate of \$95.88 to Laura Phyfe (Move out of town March 2020)
- b. Rebate of \$58.58 to Ally Financial (for car sold in Aug 2021)
- c. Rebate of \$521.12 to Mark Leonard (wrong tax bill paid)
 - i. Chandler Paquette made a **Motion** to approve tax rebates listed as presented.
 - 1. Tax rebate to Ally Financial was questioned by Greg Kline as written due to date listed (2021) falling outside of refundable tax period
 - 2. First Selectman Jay Swan will clarify data presented and recommends passing on motion until next meeting with clarification provided for tax rebate 3.b
 - ii. The Board of Selectman **unanimously agree to table the motion** approving tax rebates until next meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7pm.

4. **Correspondence and Announcements**

- a. Town of Woodstock has partnered with the Town of Pomfret to host a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Hazardous Waste can be brought to the Pomfret Community School on Saturday, November 20, 2021 between 9am and 1pm for disposal.
- b. The annual reminder of the Snow Plow Ordinance in the Town of Woodstock has been sent to publication in the Shoppers Guide.
- c. A letter was received from a group of residents on Pond Factory Road to voice their concerns with the current wash outs on sides of the dirt road.
 - i. First Selectmen Jay Swan has responded to the representative of the group stating that the concern has been brought to the attention of John Navarro, Public Works Director/Highway Facility Foreman, at the Highway Department. It was also noted that all dirt roads will be

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maintained through the Fall Dirt Road Program as soon as the part is received to repair the grader for use.

- d. TEEG Mobile Market Dates for the Woodstock Town Hall are Tuesday, November 9, 2021 from 10:30 to 11:30 am and Thursday, November 18, 2021 from 1-2 pm.
- e. COVID Update- Woodstock is currently red. Masks are strongly recommended but not required.

5. Citizens Comments

- a. Suzanne Woodward asked for information about the new Recreation Director
 - i. Jay Swan shared that she spent time with Anthony before he left to prepare for the upcoming winter events and of the candidates who applied, she was the most qualified and available during transition for on the job training.
 - ii. Amy Monahan added that Erin has previously worked at the YMCA in Putnam giving her local recreation experience and that she has a background in graphic design. Erin was very willing and interested to get started at the “meet & greet” recreation meeting with the commission.

6. Other From Committee

- a. Chandler Paquette, on behalf of Jay Swan and himself, presented Selectman Greg Kline with a token of thanks to formerly recognize his service to the Town of Woodstock. Thank you Greg Kline.
- b. Greg Kline noted that the speed sign on Roseland Park Road was placed at the perfect time to increase safety during the Roseland Park Trunk or Treat. He also noted that the intersection of 169 and 171 in South Woodstock is an area of concern. The volume and speeds during morning hours are dangerous.
 - i. First Selectman Jay Swan has mentioned this area in conversations with Troop D and asked that troopers park in the area when possible.
- c. Greg Kline also requests that the drainage concerns on Route 171 not be forgotten as the conditions will only become more dangerous in the winter climate.
 - i. First Selectman Jay Swan stated that conversations have already taken place with the State of Connecticut pertaining to this concern.

7. Adjournment

- a. Greg Kline made a ***Motion** to adjourn. *** Seconded** by Chandler Paquette. **The motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 4:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Monahan, Recording Secretary. DISCLAIMER: These minutes have not yet been approved by the Board of Selectmen. Please refer to next month’s meeting for approval/amendments.