

Woodstock Board of Selectmen Minutes

Thursday, December 15, 2022

7:02 pm

Regular Meeting

Town Hall, Room A

1. **Call to order:** First Selectman Jay Swan called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
 - a. **Present:** First Selectman Jay Swan, Selectman Chandler Paquette & Selectwoman Charlene Perkins Cutler
 - b. **Others Present:** Ray Morgan, Myra Pratt, Glen Lessig, Jessica Weaver Boose, Recording Secretary Amy Monahan
2. **Approval of Minutes from December 1, 2022 Board of Selectmen's Meeting**
 - a. Chandler Paquette made a ***Motion** to approve the Minutes from of December 1, 2022 Board of Selectmen Meeting as amended. ***Seconded** by Charlene Perkins Cutler ***Motion Passed Unanimously.**
 - i. Charlene Perkins Cutler noted that Item 3.a contains a typo and should read "Michele Neil, President of West Woodstock Library Association, is asking to keep West Woodstock Library in the budget with **no** cut in funding for next year and invited all to visit the library during the Winter Festival this Saturday."
3. **Public comments**
 - a. None
4. **Tax Rebates**
 - a. Tax rebate to Daimler Trust in the amount of \$135.84 for vehicle sold in June 2022
 - b. Tax rebate to Emily Audet in the amount of \$90.41 for vehicle registered in California in September 2019
 - c. Tax rebate to Elizabeth Foote in the amount of \$215.03 for vehicle registered in Maine in February 2022
 - i. Charlene Perkins Cutler made a ***Motion** to accept the 3 tax rebates as presented above. ***Seconded** by Chandler Paquette. ***The motion passed unanimously.**
5. **National Opioid Settlement Program**
 - a. Jay Swan shared that the town has received \$17,501.97 from the National Opioid Settlement Agreement to date to be spent on opioid services. The Town of Woodstock currently uses United Services, Inc. for Opioid Services and in the past fiscal year, they served 44 Woodstock Residents for Addition Recovery Services. Jay Swan recommends using the settlement funds to support United Services. A decision will be made at a later date.
6. **Discussion of Repairs at Quasset School**
 - a. Myra Pratt shared that an assessment of Quasset School was done to determine needs with the building. Quotes have been obtained for window repair and submitted to the Selectmen for review. The estimate for window repair is approximately \$6600 and ceiling repair is approximately \$6300.
 - b. Jay Swan noted that in order to use ARPA funding, the quote would have to be opened up to the public and lowest bid used per government regulations.
 - c. The Selectmen discussed possible funding options including using a combination of ARPA funds and other funding sources.
 - i. Jessica Weaver Boose asked if any grants have been researched for this project and if any fundraising is done by the Quasset School Committee.

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- ii. Charlene Perkins Cutler recommended contacting the 1776 Foundation and also to check with the Last Green Valley for possible funding assistance.
- iii. Glenn Lessig suggested contacting the Connecticut Preservation Group for possible grant opportunities.

7. Boards/Commission Appointments

- a. The following resignations have been submitted to the Board of Selectmen
 - i. Sean Copeland from Economic Development Commission
 - ii. Jessica White from Arboretum Committee
 - b. The following reappointments wish to be considered for upcoming terms
 - i. Stuart Morse as Chairman of the Agricultural Commission
 - ii. Richard Norman as Vice Chair of the Agricultural Commission
 - iii. Linda Auger as Alternate on Agricultural Commission
 - iv. Paul Miller as Alternate on Agricultural Commission
 - v. Pamela Spaeth as member of the Conservation Commission
 - vi. James Kaeding as Alternate on the Conservation Commission
 - vii. Patrick Mule as Alternate on the Historic District Commission
 - viii. Marla Butts as Member of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
1. Chandler Paquette made a ***Motion** to accept resignations and appointments as presented. ***Seconded** by Charlene Perkins Cutler. ***The motion passed unanimously.**

8. Correspondence and Announcements

- a. Wreaths Across America Ceremony will take place this Saturday at noon at the Veterans Monument on the Common.
- b. Eastern Regional Tourist District is looking for representative for the Town of Woodstock. The town will post more information about this program on the Town Website and Facebook Page. Interested applicants should reach out to the First Selectman.
- c. COVID tests and masks are currently available at the town hall.
- d. Recreation Updates-
 - i. Winter Festival was a huge success with many local businesses, farms and organizations taking part in the festivities. There were over 400 runners in the Christmas Run Road Race.
 - ii. The Town-Wide Holiday Lights Contest runs through December 17th. All Woodstock Residents are encouraged to visit all the registered locations and submit their vote for the winner online.
 - iii. Please visit the Woodstock Recreation webpage for information on current recreation programs including basketball leagues, Lego programs, Family Ice Skating and Digital Drawing and more!
<https://www.woodstockct.gov/recreation-department/pages/recreation-programs>
- e. Glen Lessig has sent an update to the Board of Selectmen pertaining to the actions of the Concerned Citizens of Woodstock, a group of concerned citizens assisting in promotion of the upcoming Tri Board Meeting. Jay Swan responded to Mr. Lessig with his thanks to the group and stated that the Town is also heavily promoting the event.
 - i. Jessica Weaver Boose asked if Jay Swan had plans to go on WINY Radio to promote the meeting. Jay Swan said that WINY is a possibility.
 - ii. Charlene Perkins Cutler suggested reserving the Woodstock Middle School Cafeteria for a future date for follow up meeting to address public concerns.
 - 1. Chandler Paquette stated that he is for promoting the upcoming Tri Board Town Meeting but any further actions need to come directly from the group of concerned citizens. The Board of Selectmen and Town Officials/Offices cannot hold any position on

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the financial concerns or promote any actions of change. The only way change can be brought about to any town policies would be by petition presented by a private group.

9. Public Comments

- a. None

10. Adjournment

- a. Charlene Perkins Cutler made a ***Motion** to adjourn. *** Seconded** by Charlene Perkins Cutler. ***The motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 9:18 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.