

Woodstock Board of Selectmen Minutes

Thursday, March 16, 2023

7:00 pm

Regular Meeting

Town Hall, Room A

1. **Call to order:** First Selectman Jay Swan called meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
 - a. **Present:** First Selectman Jay Swan, Selectman Chandler Paquette, Selectwoman Kate McDonald
 - b. **Others Present:** WVFA Fire Chief Eric Young, Ray Morgan, Pam Minella, WVFA President Russ Downer, Fire Marshall Richard Baron, Jessica Weaver Boose, Frank Giardiello, Su Connor, Lisa Dalterio and Recording Secretary Amy Monahan
2. **Approval of Minutes from February 15, 16 & 22 2023 Board of Selectmen's Meetings**
 - a. February 15, 2023 Special Meeting
 - b. February 16, 2023 Regular Meeting
 - c. February 22, 2023 Special Meeting
 - d. Chandler Paquette made a ***Motion** to approve the Minutes from of February 15, 16 & 22, 2023 Board of Selectmen Meetings as presented. ***Seconded** by Kate McDonald. ***Motion Passed Unanimously.**
3. **Public Comment**
 - a. Su Connor requested consideration for the senior tax freeze from the Board of Selectmen. She has been in discussion with First Selectmen Jay Swan and hopes the Board can move forward with this valuable opportunity for some of the most vulnerable Woodstock citizens. Currently there are 70 Woodstock residents that benefit from a state program.
4. **Tax Rebates**
 - a. Tax rebate to Erik J. Hazelton in the amount of \$10.43 for vehicle billed in New Milford
 - i. Chandler Paquette made a ***Motion** to accept the tax rebate as presented above. ***Seconded** by Kate McDonald. ***The motion passed unanimously.**
5. **Boards/Commissions Appointments**
 - a. Consider the reappointment of Jean Pillo as a Member of the Conservation Commission for the term of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2028
 - b. Consider the reappointment of Lisa Davidson as a Member of the Conservation Commission for the term of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2028
 - i. Kate McDonald made a ***Motion** to approve Reappointments as presented. ***Seconded** by Chandler Paquette. ***The motion passed unanimously.**
6. **Correspondence and Announcements**
 - a. Jay Swan noted that last week's referendum resulted in the repeal of Prop 46 and the authorization to pay the Woodstock Academy Capital Assessment Fee.
 - b. Jay Swan shared that Dan Malo has resigned as the Zoning Enforcement Officer as of April 20, 2023.
 - c. Covid-19 masks and tests are available to Woodstock residents in the First Selectmen's Office
 - d. Woodstock Recreation Department has many upcoming programs and events including the Town Wide Clean Up and Annual Easter Egg Hunt in April. Please visit the recreation page on the town website and sign up for the recreation newsletter to keep informed of all things recreation in Woodstock.

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- e. Jay Swan is meeting with the Commander of Troop D. next week. He is very pleased with the relationship between the Town of Woodstock and Troop D and its assistance to Woodstock residents. Jay is hoping to have a liaison officer again instituted for Woodstock in the future as previously utilized in the past.

7. Public Comments

- a. Eric Young updated the Board of Selectmen on current EMS operations. Woodstock EMS averages 1.56 calls per day this year to date. There have been 116 calls so far, 4 of which were second crew calls. There have been 2 mutual aid calls that have assisted Woodstock and Woodstock has assisted 3 mutual aid calls to other towns. He noted that the community of EMT's is strong and members are enthusiastic and well qualified. Russ Downer noted that the crew will be doing advanced airway CPAP training in the near future as well as more outreach programs. Some of the new members are certified instructors that may be able to train others for safety situations.
 - i. Jay Swan noted that many people do not understand funding of EMS. Russ Downer noted that they are working creating a document that explains EMS funding to the public.
 - ii. Richard Baron is very pleased with how the EMS plan has worked out in the Town of Woodstock.
 - iii. Jessica Weaver Boose noted that some people do not understand how insurance coverage plays a role in the EMS funding/operations and clarification about that in the financial document would also be helpful to the public.
- b. Frank Giardiello asked what the process is for the budget now that Prop 46 has been repealed. Jay Swan noted that the process does not change. Budgets will be submitted to the Board of Selectmen and reviewed as usual then submitted to the Board of Finance for recommendations. Once approved by the Board of Finance, the budget will go to Town Meeting and Referendum. This process also holds true for the BOE budget. All residents are encouraged to attend meetings and be involved in the budget process.

8. Adjournment

- a. Chandler Paquette made a ***Motion** to adjourn. *** Seconded** by Kate McDonald. ***The motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 7:43 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.