

Woodstock Board of Selectmen Minutes

Thursday, August 3, 2023

4:00 pm

Regular Meeting

Town Hall, Room A

1. **Call to order:** First Selectman Jay Swan called meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
 - a. **Present:** First Selectman Jay Swan, Selectman Chandler Paquette
 - b. **Others Present:** Rebecca Hyde, Michelle Fontaine, Ray & Pam Morgan, Brian Victor, Kevin Withers, Suzanne Woodward, Finance Director Karen Fitzpatrick and Recording Secretary Amy Monahan
 - c. Jay Swan noted he would like to add Agriculture Grant Discussion to the Agenda.
2. **Approval of Minutes from July 6, 2023 and July 26, 2023 Board of Selectmen's Meetings**
 - a. July 6, 2023 Regular Meeting
 - b. July 26, 2023 Regular Meeting
 - i. The correct spelling for the company that provided the stretcher bid is Stryker (not Striker).
 - c. Chandler Paquette made a ***Motion** to approve the Minutes from of July 6, 2023 and July 26, 2023 Board of Selectmen Meetings as presented. ***Seconded** by Jay Swan. ***Motion Passed Unanimously.**
3. **Public Comment**
 - a. Brian Victor has concerns about proposed short term rental regulations and their impact on the Lake District. He feels that the regulations will have a negative impact on the Lake Districts and presented many reasons to reconsider the proposed regulations. He asked the Board of Selectmen for help to address zoning concerns with the Planning & Zoning Commission
 - i. Chandler Paquette noted that the Planning & Zoning members are elected officials and they have to make decisions based on the town and not a specific district.
 - ii. Jay Swan noted that the Lake Bungree Tax District and the Town of Woodstock are two different entities. The Tax District needs to have their attorney review the proposed regulations at this point and the issues need to be addressed through Planning & Zoning once the LBTB Board has determined the legal options.
 - b. Rebecca Hyde has applied for a grant and supplied all documents to the town for review. This \$10,000 grant from American Farmland Trust is related to soil health of farmland properties with use of agricultural easements.
 - i. Jay Swan made a ***Motion** to accept the Soil Health Steward Program Grant from American Farmland Trust. ***Seconded** by Chandler Paquette. ***The motion passed unanimously.**
4. **Tax Rebates**
 - a. None
5. **Discuss Committee on Aging**
 - a. Jay Swan noted that the following have applied for membership on the Committee On Aging
 - i. Suzanne Woodward
 - ii. Su Connor
 - iii. Melissa Jameson
 - iv. Dotti Durst
 - v. Kristin Kaiser
 - vi. Sue Swan

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vii. Wendy Costa

viii. Reverend Kevin Downer

1. Jay Swan made a ***Motion** to approve the people listed above to serve on the Committee on Aging. ***Seconded** by Chandler Paquette. ***The motion passed unanimously.**

6. Correspondence and Announcements

- a. Richard Baron has submitted his letter of resignation as Fire Marshal effective November 30, 2023.
- b. Theresa Jackman is leaving her position as the current Eversource liaison. Town officials will be meeting with her replacement in the near future.
- c. The following report from the State Police have been received for the month June 2023
88 Calls for Service, including:
 1. 8 Accidents
 2. 9 Investigations
 3. 1 Burglary
 4. 0 Larceny
 5. 70 Non-Reportable Matters

Motor Vehicle enforcement:

 6. 1 DUI
 7. 0 Traffic Citations
 8. 2 Written Warnings
- d. A Thank you letter has been received from TEEG for the nonperishable food items donated by the Town of Woodstock.
- e. A letter from Austin Tanner, First Selectman of Brooklyn, received requesting consideration of ARPA funds via the Dept. of Aging and Disability Services for the Quinebaug Valley Senior Center.
- f. Be sure to attend the free Twilight Concert at Roseland Cottage featuring Flamingo on Friday, August 11th and Patty Tuite on Friday, August 18th. The Town Beach Party will be held on August 19th and all Woodstock residents are invited to attend. The Woodstock Recreation department has many upcoming programs and events that can be found on the Town Website at <https://www.woodstockct.gov/recreation-department/pages/recreation-programs> or you can sign up for the monthly recreation newsletter at <https://www.woodstockct.gov/recreation-department>

7. Public Comments

- a. Kevin Wither shared that the East Woodstock Concert Band Concert will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2023 on the South Common.
- b. Suzanne Woodward asked about the openings on the Housing Authority and was advised to fill out a volunteer application and send it to the Office of the First Selectmen.

8. Adjournment

- a. Chandler Paquette made a ***Motion** to adjourn. *** Seconded** by Jay Swan. ***The motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

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*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.