

**Town of Woodstock
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 15, 2018
7:00pm – Room A**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Michael Alberts, Frank Olah and Chandler Paquette.

OTHERS PRESENT: David Fortin, Chris Latour and Michael Moran

1. Call to Order: First Selectman Michael Alberts called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Approve the Minutes of the November 1, 2018 Regular Board of Selectmen’s Meeting:

On the second page, first paragraph of the minutes Mr. Alberts pointed out two spelling errors: “paradyne” should be “paradigm” and “dialog” should be “dialogue”. At the end of the minutes the sentence “ Please note that the audio record is the legal record of the meeting” should be struck.

Selectman Chandler Paquette made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 1, 2018 Meeting as amended. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Consider the Appointment of Victor Peabody as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Term of November 15, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

Due to the fact that Mr. Peabody was not present, and he is not known to any of the Selectmen Mr. Paquette moved to table this item until Mr. Peabody could attend a Board of Selectmen’s Meeting. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Due to the inclement weather the Board of Selectmen decided to discuss Item 5 on the agenda before Item 4.

5. Discussion Regarding Witches Woods Boating Ordinance with Mike Moran, Board of Directors President.

Mike Moran, President of the Witches Woods Board of Directors, and Chris Latour, chair of the Safety and Rules Committee explained to the Board of Selectmen that a Town ordinance was enacted in September, 1995 in regards to the horsepower of boats, the miles per hours boats could travel, and the hours that boats would be allowed on the lake. Mr. Moran and Ms. Latour stated that no one on the current Board knows why the Witches Woods Lake District requested the Town to vote upon this ordinance in 1995. Since that time District by-laws and the ordinance are the same. The District would like to amend this by-law, but it was thought that they would not be able to do this because of the ordinance. Mr. Moran explained that at the Witches Woods Regular Meeting of October 1, 2018, the membership of the District voted to ask the Town to repeal this ordinance.

The Board of Selectmen agreed to approach the Town Clerk to see what the procedure was to repeal a Town Ordinance, and to have the Town Attorney draft the wording for the repeal. If it needs to go to Town Meeting to repeal the ordinance Mr. Moran and Ms. Latour agreed that this issue could wait until there were other items that needed to go to Town Meeting.

4. Opening Bids for Legal Services.

Bids for legal services were received from the following law firms: Martin B. Burke; Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, Murtha Cullina and Halloran and Sage.

After discussion it was agreed that Halloran and Sage was the law firm that the Board felt the most comfortable with, due to the timely replies and affordability for work done for the Town up to this point. However, Attorney Mark Zimmerman of Updike, Kelly & Spellacy has done quite a bit of work on environmental issues for the Town that is still continuing. The Board wondered if Mr. Zimmerman would be willing to continue in that position if the Board of Selectmen decided to hire Halloran and Sage.

It was the consensus of the Board to table this issue so that references could be checked by the First Selectmen.

Due to the inclement weather Mr. Fortin asked if item 9 could be discussed at this point in the meeting. The Selectmen agreed that it could.

9. Citizens Comments.

David Fortin a representative of the Board of Finance stated that at the Tri Board meeting to be held on November 27th the three boards should discuss how the announcement of Crabtree & Evelyn moving the manufacturing and the distribution from Woodstock will affect the tax base for the foreseeable future.

6. Review of Transfer Station Permit Fees.

Mr. Alberts proposed the following increases for Transfer Station Permits:

Single Family Household	\$180.00
Seniors (65 or older)	\$ 90.00
Business	\$180.00
Seasonal	\$ 90.00
One Day Pass	\$ 20.00
Pomfret Residents	\$230.00

Mr. Paquette made a motion to change the permit fees for the Transfer Station as presented.
Motion passed unanimously.

7. Tax Rebates.

Selectmen Frank Olah made a motion to approve the following tax rebates:

Ford Credit Personal Property Tax in the amount of \$156.26
Toyota Lease Trust in the amount of \$170.89, and
Toyota Lease Trust in the amount of \$255.71.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Correspondence and Announcements.

A letter was sent to Bill Brower thanking him for his years of dedication to the Palmer Arboretum.

A letter was sent to Dottie Durst thanking her for taking minutes for the Board of Finance and for the Planning and Zoning Commission. She was asked if she would be interested in filling in for the Recording Secretary when Ms. Lasota would be absent from a meeting if it did not conflict with Ms. Durst's obligations on a board that Ms. Durst serves on. Ms. Durst said that she would be willing to do so.

The Giving Tree will be held again this year, but on a scaled down basis from previous years. The Agent to the Elderly Connie Maynard and the Veteran's Advocate Tom Pandolfi will supply the names people who need assistance. Su Connor and her family have offered to help with the distribution of the bags.

A letter detailing the progress on the complaint filed against NECOGG was received.

A monthly report from the Treasurer's office was received.

An incident report from State Police Troop D was received.

Mr. Alberts announced that Emily Carlone has been contracted to be the Town's new Assessor.

A press release from Crabtree and Evelyn announcing that the manufacturing and distribution centers would be leaving Woodstock in 2019 was distributed to the Selectmen.

10. Other from Committee.

Mr. Olah distributed a sheet with suggested talking points for the Tri Board meeting on November 27, 2018.

11. Executive Session (Possible Litigation).

This item was tabled until the attorney was able to contact the Board of Selectmen.

12. Adjournment.

Chandler Paquette made a motion to adjourn at 8:16pm. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Christine G. French
Recording Secretary.