

## MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** M. Alberts called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

**Present:** M. Alberts, C. Paquette

**Absent:** F. Olah (out of state)

**Others Present:** V. Peabody, D. Adiletta, B. Brower, WINY Reporter, T. Lasota, and 3 others.

2. **Approve the Minutes of the December 20, 2018 Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting:**

C. Paquette **MOTIONED** to **APPROVE** the 12/20/2018 Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

For the record, M. Alberts noted that F. Olah reviewed this agenda and fully supported agenda items 3, 4, 5, and 6.

3. **Consider the Appointment of Victor Peabody as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Term of January 3, 2019 through December 31, 2019:**

C. Paquette **MOTIONED** to **APPROVE** the Appointment of Victor Peabody as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Term of January 3, 2019 through December 31, 2019

Victor Peabody said he would like to do his part in the community and felt this would be a good start.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **To consider and act on a resolution recommending an appropriation and borrowing authorization for costs related to replacement of the Peake Brook Road bridge over Peake Brook (Bridge No. 169017), replacement of the Hopkins Road bridge over Stafford Brook (Bridge No. 169003), replacement of the Butts Road bridge over Peake Brook (Bridge No. 169018), and renovations to the County Road culvert bridge over Gravelly Brook including a related increase to the turning radii at the intersection of State Route 169 and County Road, and related work and improvements, and for costs related to the financing of the projects; submitting a resolution with respect to such recommendations to a Special Town Meeting and referendum vote; and making various determinations in connection therewith:**

M. Alberts briefly talked about the bridge program, noting 2 of the 4 bridges have been submitted to the local bridge program which will provide reimbursement from the State, and is

hopeful that a 3<sup>rd</sup> bridge would be submitted as well, adding that the State has evaluated the bridges and has determined that many of them warrant serious addressing.

M. Alberts said the Board of Finance is in favor of moving forward with the resolution, noting the total dollar amount will not be \$2.5 million as the resolution calls for, however due to timing of State reimbursement under the local bridge program, the uncertainty of the order in which the bridges would be addressed, the BOF and BOS felt it was prudent to go forward with this phase 1 bridge program with the dollar amount not to exceed \$2.5 million. M. Alberts explained if the resolution were to go forward the next step would be a town meeting, and the town meeting would adjourn to a referendum due to the dollar amount.

C. Paquette asked if the \$2.5 million was a total cost projection; M. Alberts replied it was, and also said State Rep. Pat Boyd asked if there was a bridge they may want to address with bonding and a State bond agenda which is a 2 phase process (first to be approved as an item to be considered, and second to have it added to the bonding agenda). M. Alberts felt the Butts Road Bridge might be one to move forward with because it is an expensive bridge, and also because a lot of the engineering work has been done. Per discussions with CME, their engineers may recommend a different bridge; if another bridge could be identified for 100% bonding and the work could be minimal, perhaps that should be submitted in lieu. M. Alberts said this resolution keeps things going as many other meetings need to take place, such as PZC (January 17, 2019).

C. Paquette and M. Alberts discussed the Butts Road Bridge and the County Road Bridge and their eligibility for the local bridge program.

**C. Paquette read the resolution into record:**

*RESOLVED, That the Board of Selectmen recommend to the Town meeting that the Town of Woodstock appropriate \$2,500,000 for costs related to replacement of the Peake Brook Road bridge over Peake Brook (Bridge No. 169017), replacement of the Hopkins Road bridge over Stafford Brook (Bridge No. 169003), replacement of the Butts Road bridge over Peake Brook (Bridge No. 169018), and renovations to the County Road culvert bridge over Gravelly Brook, including a related increase to the turning radii at the intersection of State Route 169 and County Road; and related work and improvements, contemplated to include, but not limited to, related roadway, approach and traffic protection improvements. The First Selectman is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project, and to reduce or modify the scope of the project; and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified. The appropriation may be spent for design, construction, acquisition and installation costs, land and easement acquisition, equipment, materials, site improvements, consultants, engineering fees, grant application and acceptance costs, legal fees, net interest on temporary borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Town anticipates receiving reimbursement under the State of Connecticut's Local Bridge Program for eligible costs of the project in the estimated amount of \$432,700, to be applied to defray in part the appropriation.*

*FURTHER RESOLVED, That a resolution with respect such recommendations be presented for consideration at a Special Town Meeting to be held at the Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169 in the Town of Woodstock on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:00 pm; and that the Board of*

*Selectmen hereby designates said resolution for submission to the voters at referendum to be held on Tuesday January 29, 2019 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 pm, in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958 as amended.*

*FURTHER RESOLVED, That the aforesaid resolution shall be submitted to the voters at referendum under the following heading:*

*“SHALL THE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK APPROPRIATE \$2,500,000 FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE REPLACEMENT AND RENOVATION OF VARIOUS BRIDGES, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE PORTION OF THE APPROPRIATION NOT DEFRAIDED FROM GRANTS?”*

*Voting will be at the Woodstock Town Hall. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk’s office.*

*FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk cause proper notice of such Town Meeting and referendum to be posted and published.*

*Dated at Woodstock, Connecticut this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2019*

**M. Alberts SECONDED**  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **5. Warn a Special Town Meeting:**

M. Alberts noted the 2 additional items for the Town meeting in addition to the resolution: to approve the expenditure of \$11,000.00 from the Reserve for Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditure Fund to be used for Open Space Land Acquisition Committee to be used for 2 real estate appraisals for an upcoming project in lieu of the Town’s 25% share of the purchase price of the upcoming project, and consideration of the Town rescinding the Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 1995 Witches Woods Boat Ordinance. M. Alberts explained that Witches Woods personnel would like to adopt their own structure and procedures, and the other lakes have no such ordinance.

**M. Alberts read the highlights of the Town of Woodstock Notice of Special Town Meeting January 22, 2019 7:00 pm into record:**

- 1) To Elect a moderator*
- 2) To consider the following resolution: Resolution of Special Town Meeting appropriating \$2,500,000 for costs related to the replacement and renovation of various bridges, and authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes to finance the portion of the appropriation not defrayed from grants.*
- 3) To consider and vote upon the following resolution: RESOLVED, that the Town of Woodstock approve the expenditure of \$11,000.00 from the Reserve for Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditure Fund to be used for Open Space Land Acquisition Committee to be used for 2 real estate appraisals for an upcoming project in lieu of the Town’s 25% share of the purchase price of*

*the upcoming project.*

*4) To Consider and vote on the following "Shall the Town of Woodstock rescind the Ordinance adopted at Special Town Meeting on September 22, 1995 known as WITCHES WOODS BOAT ORDINANCE?"*

*5) To adjourn*

*Please note: Pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Woodstock Board of Selectmen have on their own initiative removed the foregoing Item #2 for submission to the voters of the Town of Woodstock by referendum to be held on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 from 12:00 Noon to 8:00 pm at the Woodstock Town Hall. Voters approving the question will vote "Yes" and those opposing the question will vote "No." Absentee ballots will be available at the Office of the Town Clerk.*

*Dated at Woodstock, Connecticut, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2019.*

C. Paquette **MOTIONED; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. Tax Rebates: None**

**7. Correspondence and Announcements:**

M. Alberts briefly discussed an email received regarding the animal shelter and a 10 page letter to be written by a constituent that was to follow, however the 10 page letter had not yet been received. An officer from NECCOG Animal Control inspected the property stating the horse appeared to be in good condition and was being fed twice daily and recommended the birds area be cleaned every two weeks. The office will follow up in two weeks.

M. Alberts also briefly talked about a letter from the Eastern CT Workforce Investment Council regarding a private job fair for Crabtree & Evelyn Employee Assistance to be held on January 8, 2019 for manufacturing workers. Another job fair is tentatively scheduled for Mid-March 2019 for office staff and distribution workers.

**8. Citizen's Comments:**

Bill Brower, previously Chairmen of Palmer Arboretum, gave an update on the current condition of the Arboretum due to the significant amount of rain in the recent months. He noted that there were previous runoff issues that had been solved with a rain garden and explained how the rain garden works, adding that in the last 2 years the debris from the Historical Society parking lot which has been damaged and ripped up by snow plowing, fills up the rain garden and prevents it from properly functioning and causes erosion to the paths.

C. Paquette asked if the snow plow situation was avoidable; B. Brower said the person plowing is not taking care to raise the plow and Historical Society personnel had to remove the asphalt debris. C. Paquette, M. Alberts, and B. Brower discussed funding and the lack of Historical Society staffing.

B. Brower said a letter insert in the Shopper's Guide last year raised approximately \$3000.00 for

The Friends of the Arboretum but that money was to be used for replacement of plants not repairs and maintenance.

**9. Other From Committee:**

M. Alberts said he spoke with Treasurer Karen Fitzpatrick about briefing the Selectmen on the status of the budget at the next BOS meeting in terms of revenues and expenses, adding that currently there is 65.87% of funds collected.

**10. Adjournment:**

C. Paquette **MOTIONED** to **ADJOURN**; **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.  
The meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Terri Lasota, Recording Secretary

**DISCLAIMER:** These minutes have not yet been approved by the Board of Selectmen.  
Please refer to next month's minutes for approval/amendments.