

**Town of Woodstock
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 21, 2019
7:00pm – Room A**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Michael Alberts, Frank Olah and Chandler Paquette.

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Baron, Roy Chandler, Jeffrey Gordon, Diane Miller, David Morse, Megan Bard Morse, Diane Miller, Maura Robie and Kevin Withers.

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

Mr. Alberts stated that Jeffrey Gordon, Chair of the Planning & Zoning Commission would like to address the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Alberts asked if Citizens Comments could be moved ahead of Correspondence and Announcements. Mr. Paquette and Mr. Olah agreed to this change in the agenda.

2. Approve the Minutes of the March 7, 2019 Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting and March 18, 2019 Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting.

First Selectmen Michael Alberts stated that under Correspondence and Announcements, of the March 7, 2019, in the discussion regarding Roseland Lake, it says **Rosa Parks** instead of **Roseland Park**.

Selectmen Chandler Paquette made a motion to approve the March 7, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended, and to approve the March 18, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. To Consider the Corrected Term of Stuart Peaslee to the Economic Development Commission for a Term of March 7, 2019 through December 31, 2021.

Mr. Alberts stated that when Mr. Peaslee was appointed to the Economic Development Commission that he was appointed to December 31, 2020. The Town Clerk Judy E. Walberg contacted Mr. Alberts and stated that the term should be to December 31, 2021.

Selectmen Frank Olah made a motion to correct Stuart Peaslee's term from March 7, 2019 to December 31, 2021. **Motion passes unanimously.**

4. Consider the Reappointment of Maura Robie as a Full Member of the Conservation Commission for the Term of April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2024.

Maura Robie explained to the Board of Selectmen that she had been involved in the field of conservation for her entire adult life and that serving on the Conservation Commission was important to her. She felt that the Conservation Committee had done important work in the

Town, including education projects and keeping abreast with the Connecticut DOT Salt Shed situation.

Frank Olah made a motion to appoint Maura Robie as a Full Member of the Conservation Commission for the term of April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2024. **Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Discuss the Proposed Fire Marshal Mutual Aid Services Agreement: Fire Marshall Richard Baron stated that the Fire Marshal Mutual Aid Services Agreement is between the Town of Woodstock and the Town of Thompson. This agreement allows the fire marshal or their deputies to request assistance in emergency or non-emergency situations, such as helping investigate a fire or inspections of multi-family units or events, such as the Woodstock Fair. A fee schedule has also been agreed upon. This agreement was reviewed by the Town Attorney, who approved it. Mr Baron and the Fire Marshal in Thompson are happy with it.

Chandler Paquette made a motion to accept the Proposed Fire Marshal Mutual Aid Services Agreement as presented. **Motion passed unanimously.**

6. Tax Rebates: None.

8. Citizen's Comments: Jeff Gordon, chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission expressed his concerns over the vacancies in the ZEO position and in clerical support. He stated that there are some applications in the works and that there is a Public Hearing on new Zoning Regulations in the future.

Mr. Alberts stated that the position for the ZEO, Wetlands Agent and the Building Office Clerk was advertised in this week's Shopper's Guide, and the Town of Pomfret has offered the services of their ZEO in the interim. John Filchek from NECCOG, has also reached out to member Towns for Zoning help. Mr. Alberts met with former Town Planner Delia Fey and she felt that the ZEO job required approximately 15 hours per week. John Guzkowski from CME Associates made a presentation in which CME could offer the services of Town Planning, ZEO and Wetlands Agent. Mr. Alberts promised to keep Mr. Gordon informed as things developed.

Kevin Withers asked which salt shed was mentioned earlier in the meeting. Mr. Alberts stated that it was the new Salt Shed on Route 198.

7. Correspondence and Announcements:

A letter was received from John Guzkowski, of CME Associates offering to design an affordable housing plan for the Town of Woodstock.

A letter from Roy Bradrick stating his opinion that the capital assessment charge is not part of the agreement between the Town of Woodstock and Woodstock Academy, and therefore needs not be paid. The Town Attorney stated that this capital assessment charge could be added to the tuition fee. This would increase the mbr, which none of the sending Towns want to see happen.

A letter of resignation has been received from Tina Lajoie, the Town's Zoning Enforcement Official, Wetlands Agent and Building clerk. Mr. Alberts stated that many people had spoken to him about what an excellent job Ms. Lajoie had done for the Town of Woodstock.

Mr. Alberts passed out job descriptions for the Building Office Assistant, the Inland-Wetlands Agent, and the Zoning Enforcement Agent.

An incident report from the NECOGG Animal Shelter was received. The State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture is still investigating claims of animal neglect at the shelter.

An incident report from State Police Barrack Troop D was received. The new Commanding Officer at Troop D is Lt. Christopher S. Sharland.

CME Associates has started working on the bridges.

Jean Pillo, the Watershed Conservation Project Manager of the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, and a member of Woodstock's Conservation Commission, has raised the necessary funds for the Roseland Lake Study.

A copy of a letter to one of the homeowners affected by the State of Connecticut Salt Shed water contamination, from the State of Connecticut was forwarded to the Selectmen's Office. The State had a Peer Review of the situation. The State of Connecticut is refuting some of the findings of the Peer Review.

Town Attorney Richard Roberts has stated his opinion that the Woodstock Academy Assessment fee is not an emergency expenditure under the Prop 46 guidelines.

John Navarro, the Highway Foreman, provided a hand out with suggestions for people living on dirt roads during the mud season. Fire Marshal Richard Baron and Fire Chief of Bungay Fire Brigade Roy Chandler stated that there are plans in place for emergency situations during this time of year. Mr. Navarro will be invited to a future meeting to discuss this situation.

Mr. Alberts talked to State Representative Pat Boyd about funding for the Butts Road bridge. All the requirements have been met, and this application is set to move forward.

Governor Ned Lamont contacted Mr. Alberts about having a 50th Anniversary Celebration for the concert that had been held in Woodstock, New York in 1969. Mr. Alberts in turned contacted Mark Allard the event coordinator for the Woodstock Fair, who expressed interest. Mr. Allard will be working on this with the Governor.

9. Other from the Committee: Mr. Olah stated that he requested field cards for all of the properties owned by Woodstock Academy. He feels that some of the buildings that are owned by Woodstock Academy should not be tax exempt. He also feels that there is an inequality between the funding of the K-8th grades as opposed to the funding for 9-12th grades. He feels that this could be challenged legally.

10. Adjournment: Chandler Paquette made a motion to adjourn at 8:14pm. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Christine G. French
Recording Clerk