

**Town of Woodstock
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 3, 2020 – 4:00PM**

In accordance with Governor Lamont’s Executive Order and social distancing guidelines recommended by the CDC, members of the Board of Selectmen participated in the meeting via ZOOM online.

MINUTES

PRESENT: John Swan, Gregory Kline and Chandler Paquette.

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. Call to Order: First Selectmen Jay Swan called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

2. Approve the Minutes of the August 20, 2020 Regular Board of Selectmen’s Meeting:
Selectmen Chandler Paquette made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Discuss and Vote to Approve the Municipal Certification of Resolutions – STEAP 2020:
Mr. Swan read the following Resolution:

Municipal Certification of Resolution - STEAP 2020

I, Judy Walberg, Town Clerk of the Town of Woodstock, a municipality organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, hereby certify that the following is a true copy of the resolution adopted at the Representative Town Meeting of said municipality at the Regular Monthly Meeting held on September 3, 2020.

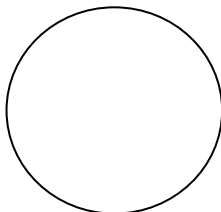
“RESOLVED, that First Selectman John V. Swan, Jr. be, and hereby is, authorized to accept on behalf of the Town of Woodstock, a 2020 Connecticut STEAP Grant in the amount of \$128, 205 for the County Road Culvert Project; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that First Selectman John V. Swan, Jr. is hereby authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said 2020 STEAP Grant with the State of Connecticut.”

AND I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the above resolution has in no way been altered, amended or revoked, and is in full force and effect.

AND I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that John V. Swan, Jr. is the first selectman of the town of Woodstock, and has been since November 19, 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Woodstock this 3rd day of September 2020.



Seal

Signature/Town Clerk
Town of Woodstock

Mr. Paquette asked if the funds from the grant were to complete the culvert at the intersection of Route 169 and County Road, heading towards the Muddy Brook Fire Department. Mr. Swan said that it was.

Selectmen Greg Kline pointed out that the Resolution needs to be approved at a Town Meeting. Mr. Swan explained that Governor Lamont's Executive Order allows for the Board of Selectmen to act as the legislative body of the Town and can approve this Resolution without going to Town Meeting.

Mr. Paquette made a motion to approve the Municipal Certification of Resolution – STEAP 2020. **Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Tax Rebate: Mr. Paquette made a motion to approve the tax rebate to Robert C. Parizeau in the amount of \$158.00, due to the Veteran's exemption being dropped off on the Grand List 2018. **Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Correspondence and Announcements: Mr. Swan stated that he has received correspondence from Teamsters Local Union No. 493 that Jason Scranton has been elected to represent Teamsters Local 493 members employed by Woodstock Highway Department.

Mr. Swan said that George McCoy of the Woodstock Safety Patrol sent correspondence updating the Board of Selectmen on the activities of the Woodstock Safety Patrol. The Board of Directors of the Safety Patrol are actively recruiting and training new members and are moving quickly towards becoming a non-profit.

A letter of thanks has been received from the Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern Connecticut for the Town's continued support.

A report has been received from the company that tests wells in the Frog Pond Road area. All the wells are stable.

Dawn Adiletta sent correspondence saying that the possible purchase of the development rights to the State of Connecticut from Maple Crest Farm is continuing to make progress.

6. Public Comments: Dawn Adiletta the chair of the Open Space Land Acquisition Commission, said that the Department of Agriculture will be going to Maple Crest Farm, on Wednesday, September 10, 2020 for a final review. Under normal circumstances a Town Meeting would then be held to approve the release of the funds for the Town of Woodstock's share of the purchase price. Ms. Adiletta understands that due to the current COVID-19 situation that a Town Meeting cannot be held, and that this will most likely be approved by the Board of Selectmen, acting as the legislative body of the Town. Ms. Adiletta would like to have a public platform found on the Town website with information on the project and that the money for the

Town's part of the purchase price is available in a dedicated account for such purchases. The Open Space Land Acquisition Commission has developed a presentation for the virtual Celebrating Agriculture, and she will send this on to the Board of Selectmen. She would also like to have a comment/question section on the platform as well.

Mr. Swan said that he has been in discussions with Town Attorney Richard Roberts about the project. The Governor's Executive Order allowing the Board of Selectmen to act as the legislative body for the Town is due to expire on September 9, 2020. The Governor would like to extend his Executive Orders until February 9, 2021, however, there has been push back about this. Mr. Swan said that he would continue to be in contact with the Town Attorney to see how this situation evolves. If the Executive Orders do expire on September 9, 2020 it is possible that a Town Meeting could be held at the Woodstock Middle School.

Mr. Paquette asked if there was a deadline to purchase the Development Rights of Maple Crest Farm. Ms. Adiletta said that she believed that the deadline might be the end of the year.

7. Other from Committee: Mr. Kline asked if there was any update on placing a traffic light at the intersection of Route 169 and Route 171 by Coco's Cottage. Mr. Swan said that there was not.

Mr. Kline asked if there was any information on the old utility pole on New Sweden Road. Mr. Swan said that Highway Foreman John Navarro was looking into this. Mr. Navarro informed Mr. Swan that once the telephone lines are removed from the old pole that the old pole would be removed. The old pole has been secured to the new pole.

Mr. Paquette asked Mr. Swan to keep the Board updated on whether the Executive Orders are extended until February. Mr. Swan will.

8. Adjournment: Mr. Paquette made a motion to adjourn at 4:28pm. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Christine G. French
Recording Secretary

To watch the video of this meeting follow the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLJofxFS3EQ&t=9s>