

**Town of Woodstock
Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
Wednesday, March 28, 2018
4:30 PM – Selectmen’s Conference Room**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Michael Alberts, Frank Olah, Chandler Paquette

OTHERS PRESENT: Crystal Adams, Matthew Beauregard, Linda Bernardi, Diane Converse, Joni Cullan, Delia Fey, Christine French, Richard Kryzak, Tina Lajoie, Cheryl Stadig, Judy Walberg, Julie Woodland, Suzanne Woodward

1. Call to Order

First Selectman Alberts called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Discussion About FY 18-19 Proposed General Government Budget

Alberts explained the Board of Finance requested the FY18-19 general government budget be prepared at a 0% increase. To do that, it required a cut of 3.75% in expenditures due to the increase in redemption of debt. Alberts reviewed the proposed general government budget as it affects staffing at the town hall. The Planner position will be eliminated but shared through NECCOG. The Building Official position will result in changes yet to be determined. The Town Hall will be closed on Fridays. Alberts recently met with AFSCME representatives, Tina Lajoie and Karen Fitzpatrick to review the reduction of hours caused by closing on Fridays. AFSCME representatives fully understood the position of the town but wanted to be assured that non-union staff would not take work away from union staff. A reduction of hours affects the positions of Assessor, Assistant Assessor, Assistant to the Building Official, Assistant Tax Collector, Assistant Town Clerk, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Highway Clerk. A question was asked why the staff in the Selectmen’s Office was not included in the reduction of hours. Alberts stated that not only do those positions provide coverage in different offices but that they are key in resolving issues within the town hall. Linda Bernardi expressed her concern about the lack of available time to process payments during the July tax season. Discussion ensued about the logistics and effects of being closed on Fridays in various departments.

3. Adjournment

Paquette moved to adjourn at 5:10 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Joni Cullan, Recording Clerk